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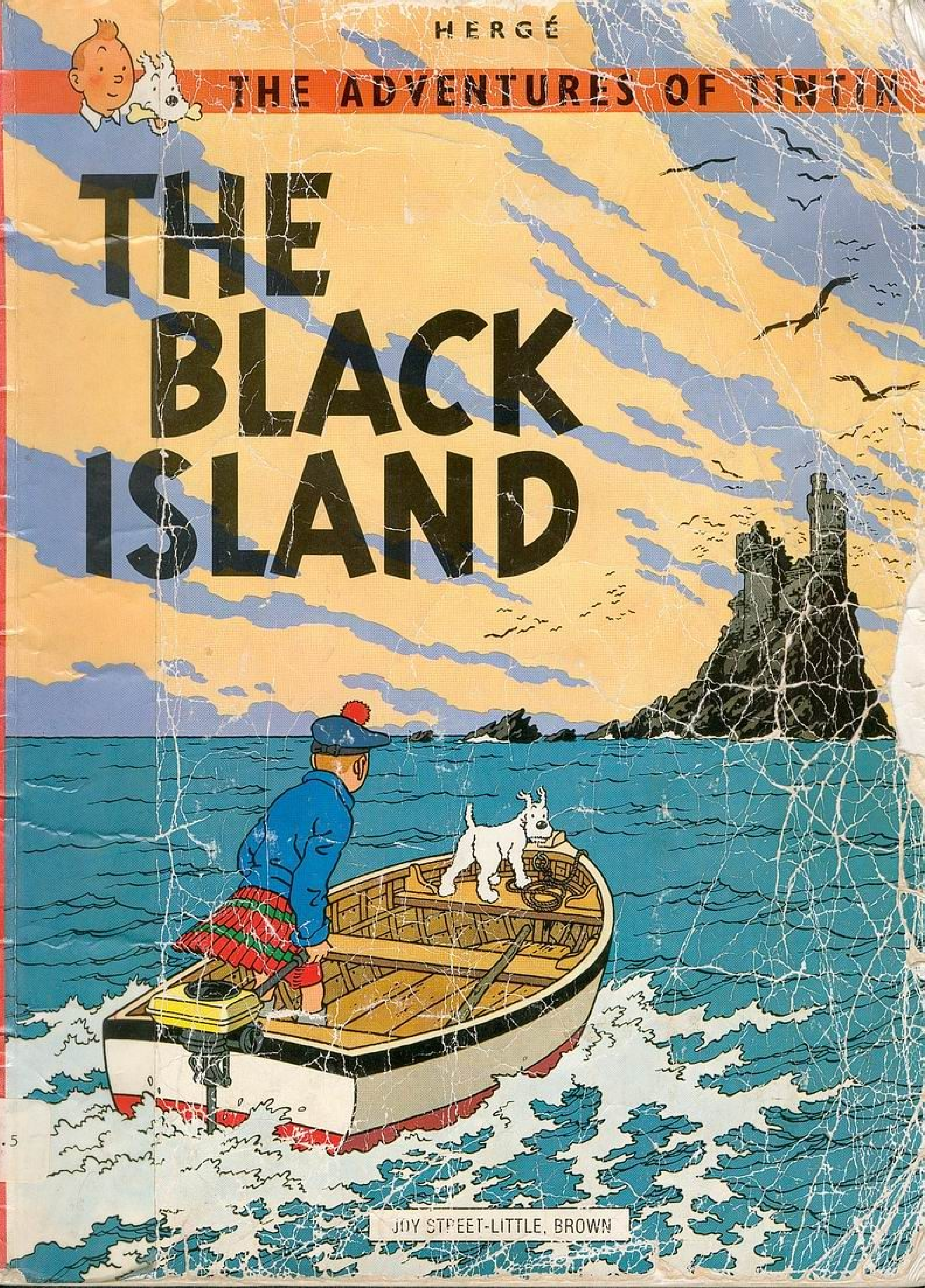

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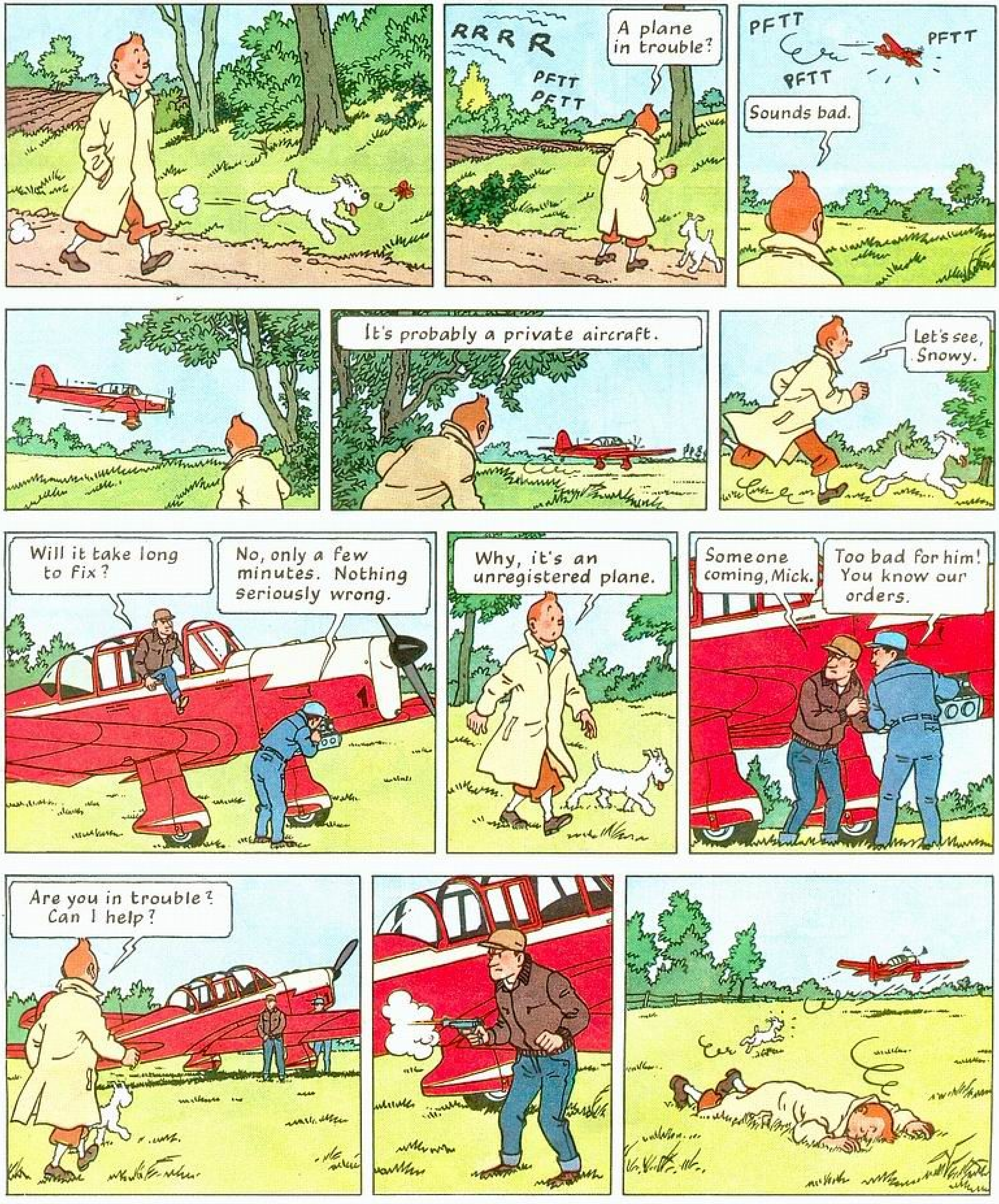
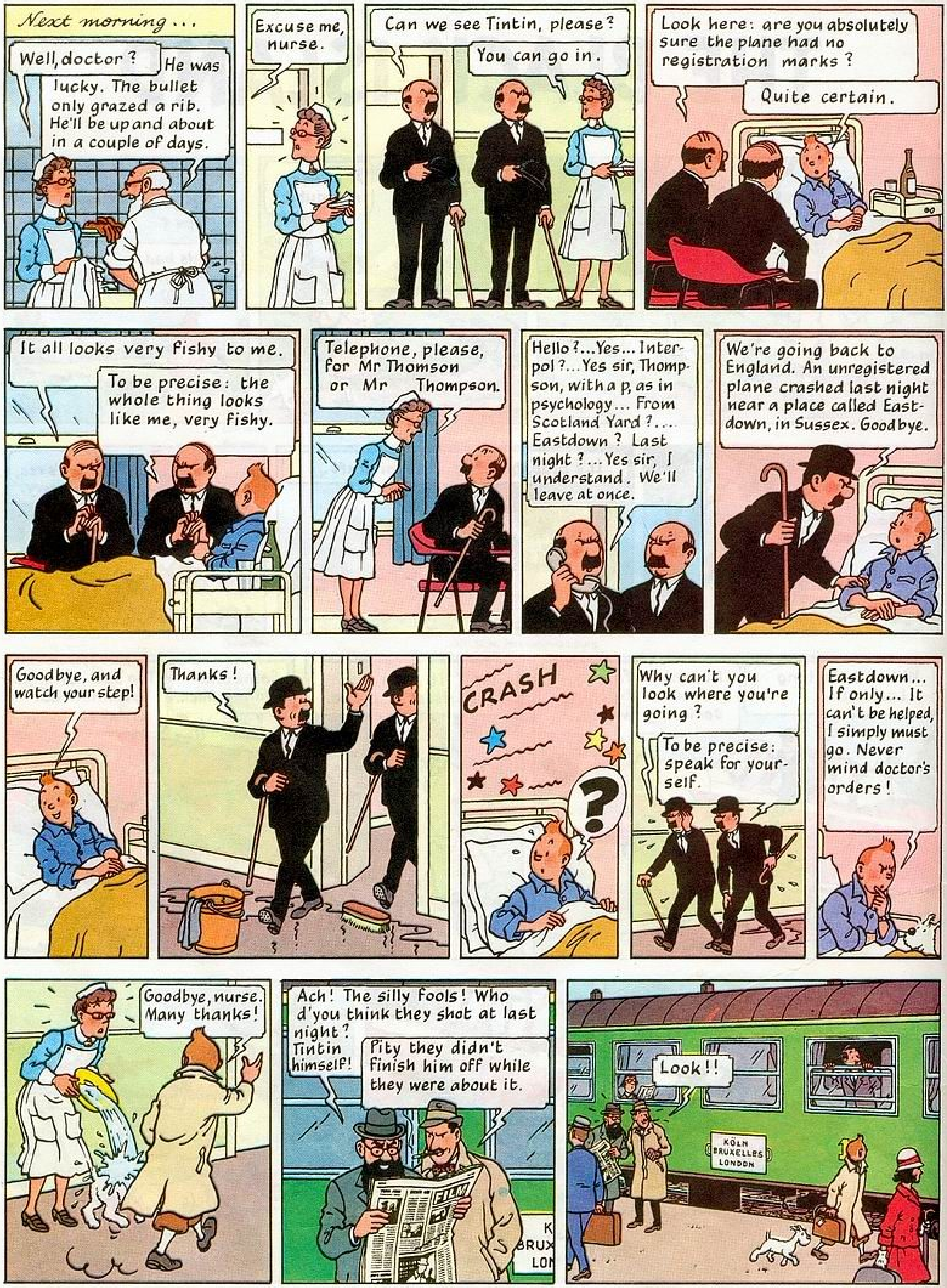

RRRR
PFTT PFTT
A plane in trouble?
PFTT
PFTT
PFTT
Sounds bad.
It's probably a private aircraft.
Let's see, Snowy.
Will it take long to fix?
No, only a few minutes. Nothing seriously wrong.
Why, it's an unregistered plane.
Someone coming, Mick.
Too bad for him! You know our orders.
Are you in trouble? Can I help?


Next morning ...
Well, doctor?
He was lucky. The bullet only grazed a rib. He'll be up and about in a couple of days.
Excuse me, nurse.
Can we see Tintin, please?
You can go in.
Look here: are you absolutely sure the plane had no registration marks?
Quite certain.
It all looks very fishy to me.
To be precise: the whole thing looks like me, very fishy.
Telephone, please, for Mr Thomson or Mr Thompson.
Hello?...Yes... Interpol?...Yes sir, Thompson, with a p, as in psychology... From Scotland Yard?... Eastdown? Last night?... Yes sir, I understand. We'll leave at once.
We're going back to England. An unregistered plane crashed last night near a place called Eastdown, in Sussex. Goodbye.
Goodbye, and watch your step!
Thanks!
CRASH
?
Why can't you look where you're going?
To be precise: speak for yourself.
Eastdown... If only... It can't be helped, I simply must go. Never mind doctor's orders!
Goodbye, nurse. Many thanks!
Ach! The silly fools! Who d'you think they shot at last night? Tintin himself!
Pity they didn't finish him off while they were about it.
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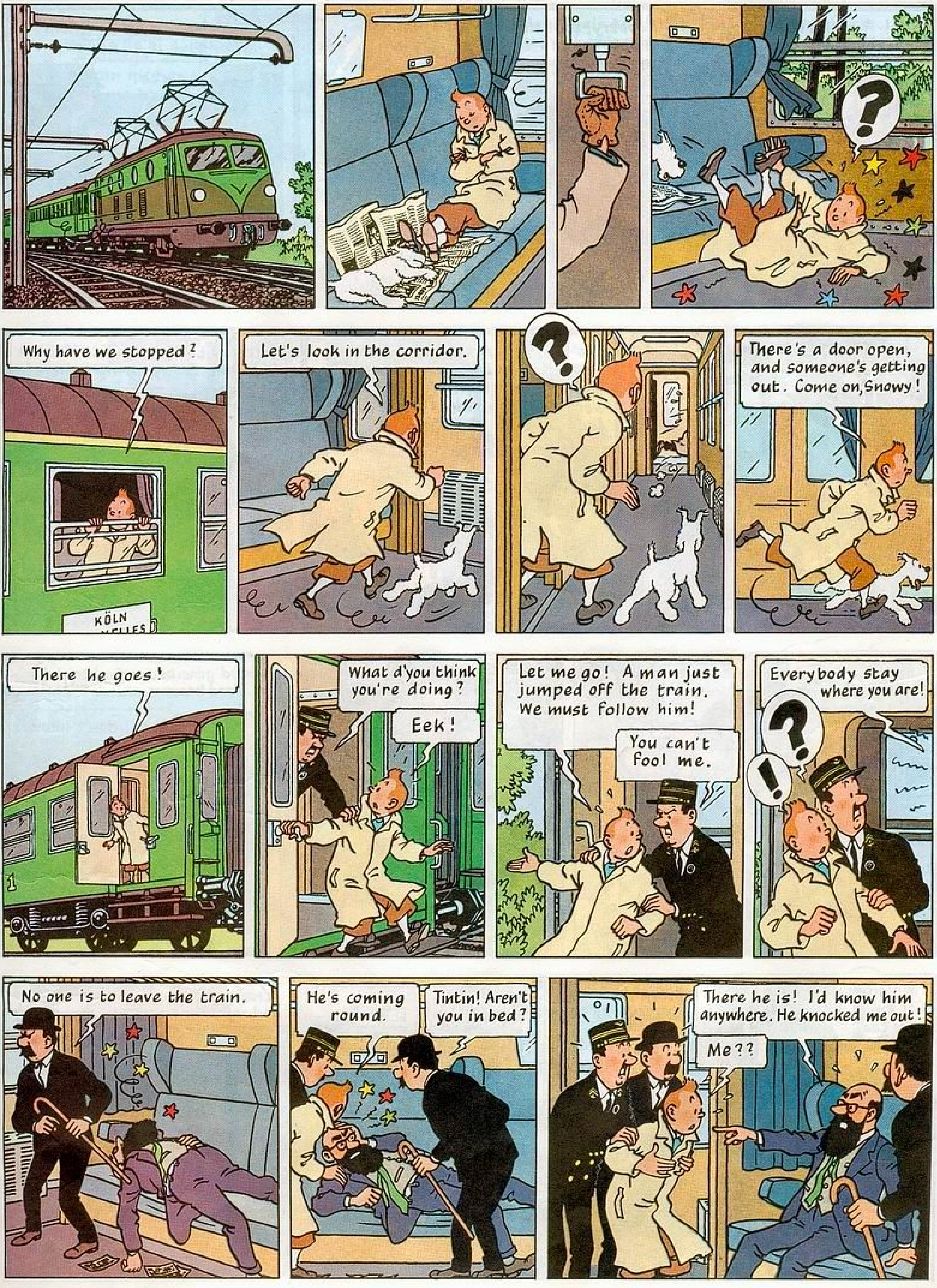
Look!!
KÖLN BRUXELLES LONDON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Why have we stopped?
KÖLN
Let's look in the corridor.
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There's a door open, and someone's getting out. Come on, Snowy!
There he goes!
What d'you think you're doing?
Eek!
Let me go! A man just jumped off the train. We must follow him!
You can't fool me.
Everybody stay where you are!
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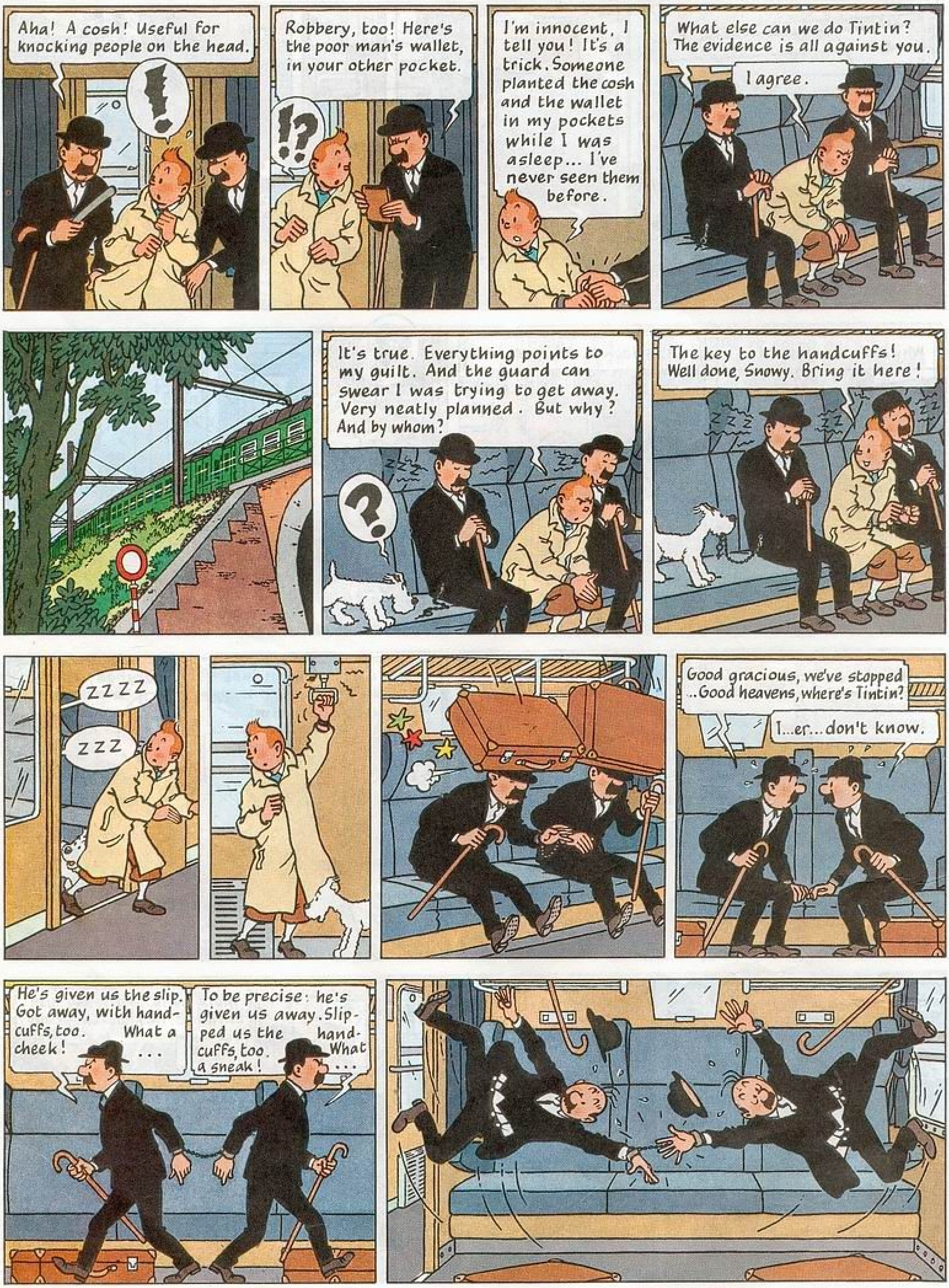
No one is to leave the train.
He's coming round.
Tintin! Aren't you in bed?
There he is! I'd know him anywhere. He knocked me out!
Me??


Aha! A cosh! Useful for knocking people on the head.
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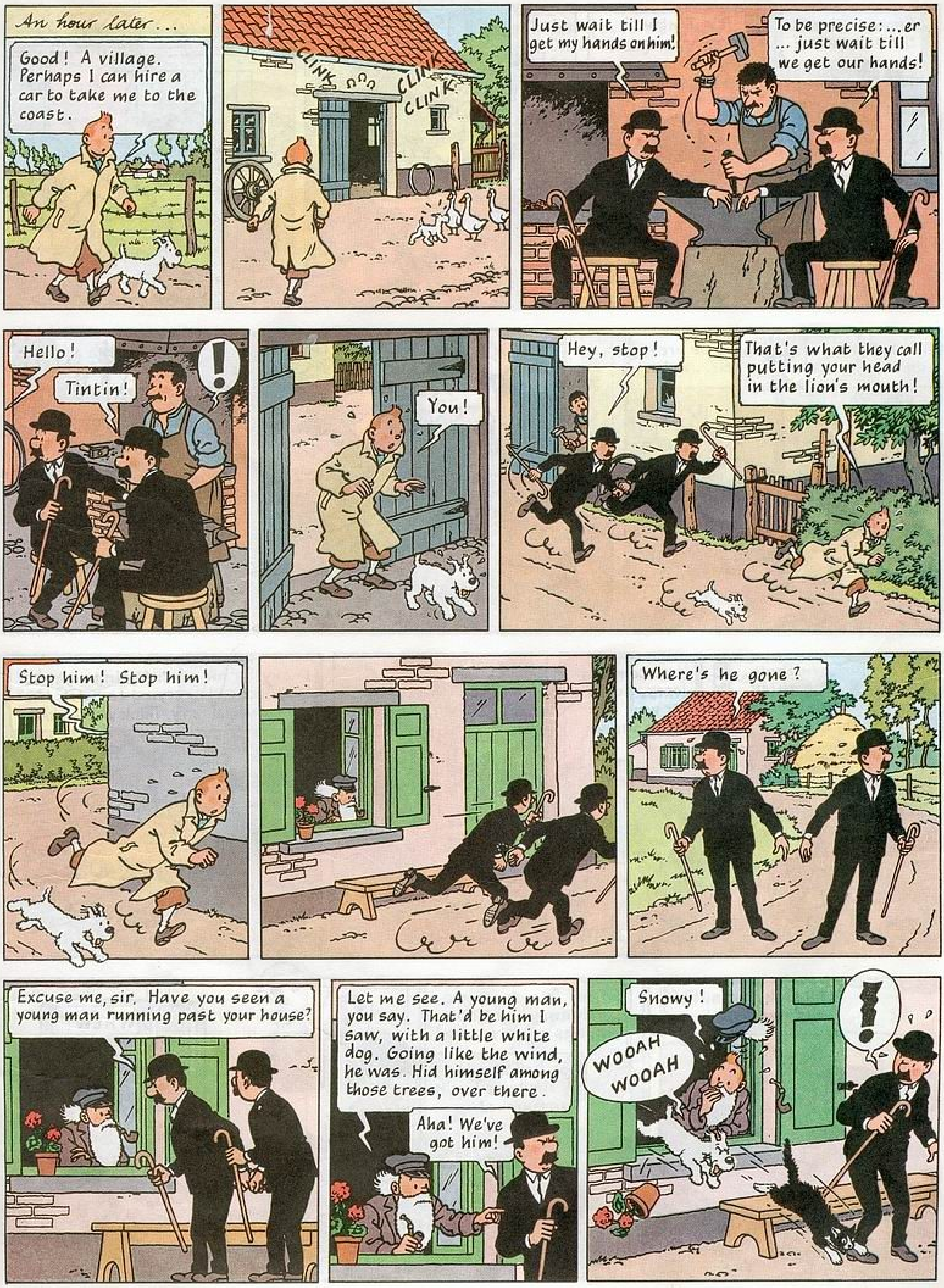
Robbery, too! Here's the poor man's wallet, in your other pocket.
!?
I'm innocent, I tell you! It's a trick. Someone planted the cosh and the wallet in my pockets while I was asleep... I've never seen them before.
What else can we do Tintin? The evidence is all against you.
I agree.
It's true. Everything points to my guilt. And the guard can swear I was trying to get away. Very neatly planned. But why? And by whom?
?
ZZZ
ZZZ
The key to the handcuffs! Well done, Snowy. Bring it here!
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZZ
ZZZ
Good gracious, we've stopped ...Good heavens, where's Tintin?
I...er...don't know.
He's given us the slip. Got away, with handcuffs, too. What a cheek! ...
To be precise: he's given us away. Slipped us the handcuffs, too. What a sneak! ...


An hour later ...
Good! A village. Perhaps I can hire a car to take me to the coast.
CLINK
CLINK
CLINK
Just wait till I get my hands on him!
To be precise: ... er ... just wait till we get our hands!
Hello!
Tintin!
!
You!
Hey, stop!
That's what they call putting your head in the lion's mouth!
Stop him! Stop him!
Where's he gone?
Excuse me, sir. Have you seen a young man running past your house?
Let me see. A young man, you say. That'd be him I saw, with a little white dog. Going like the wind, he was. Hid himself among those trees, over there.
Aha! We've got him!
Snowy!
WOOAH WOOAH
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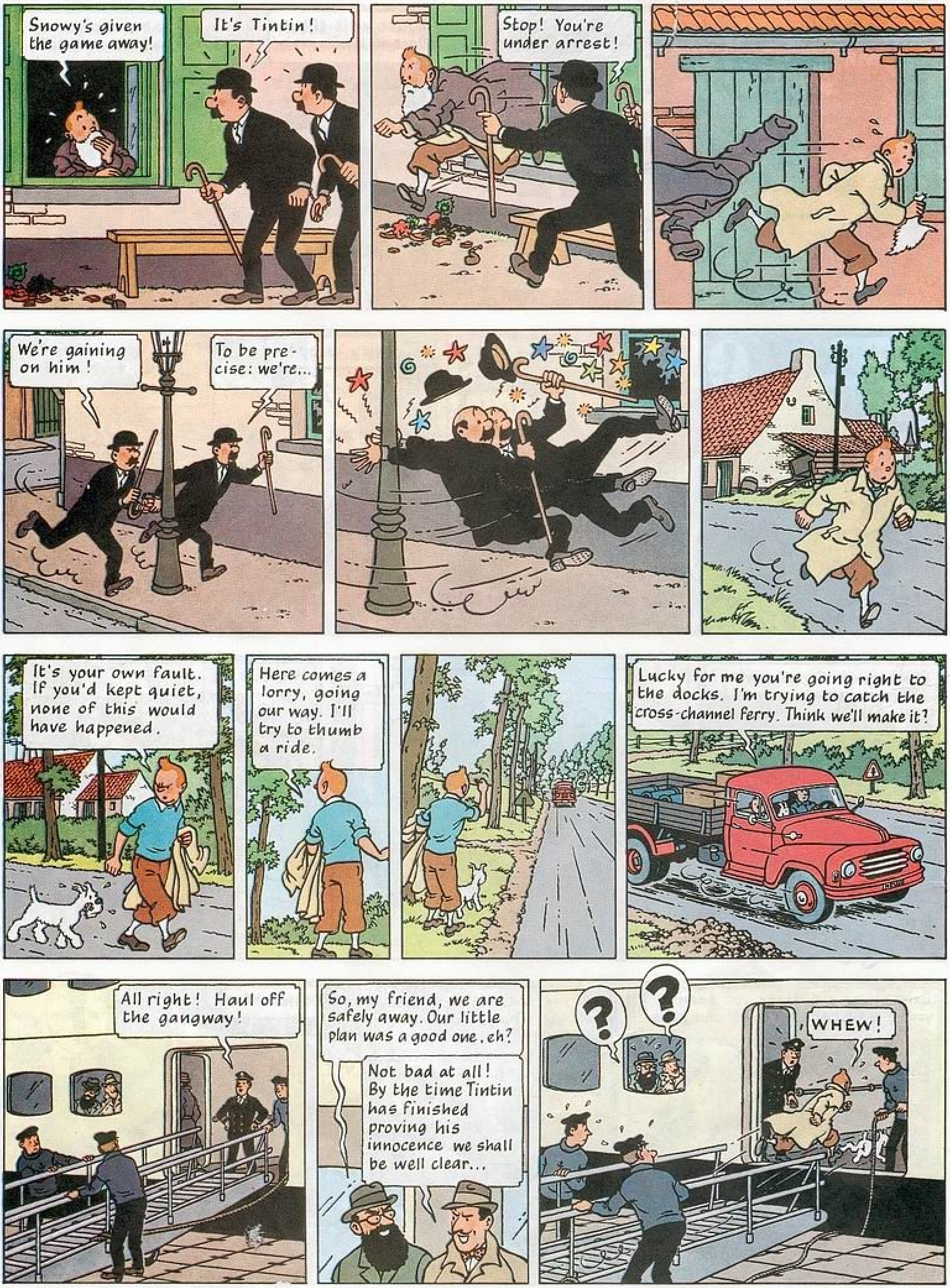
Snowy's given the game away!
It's Tintin!
Stop! You're under arrest!
We're gaining on him!
To be precise: we're...
It's your own fault. If you'd kept quiet, none of this would have happened.
Here comes a lorry, going our way. I'll try to thumb a ride.
Lucky for me you're going right to the docks. I'm trying to catch the cross-channel ferry. Think we'll make it?
All right! Haul off the gangway!
So, my friend, we are safely away. Our little plan was a good one, eh?
Not bad at all! By the time Tintin has finished proving his innocence we shall be well clear...
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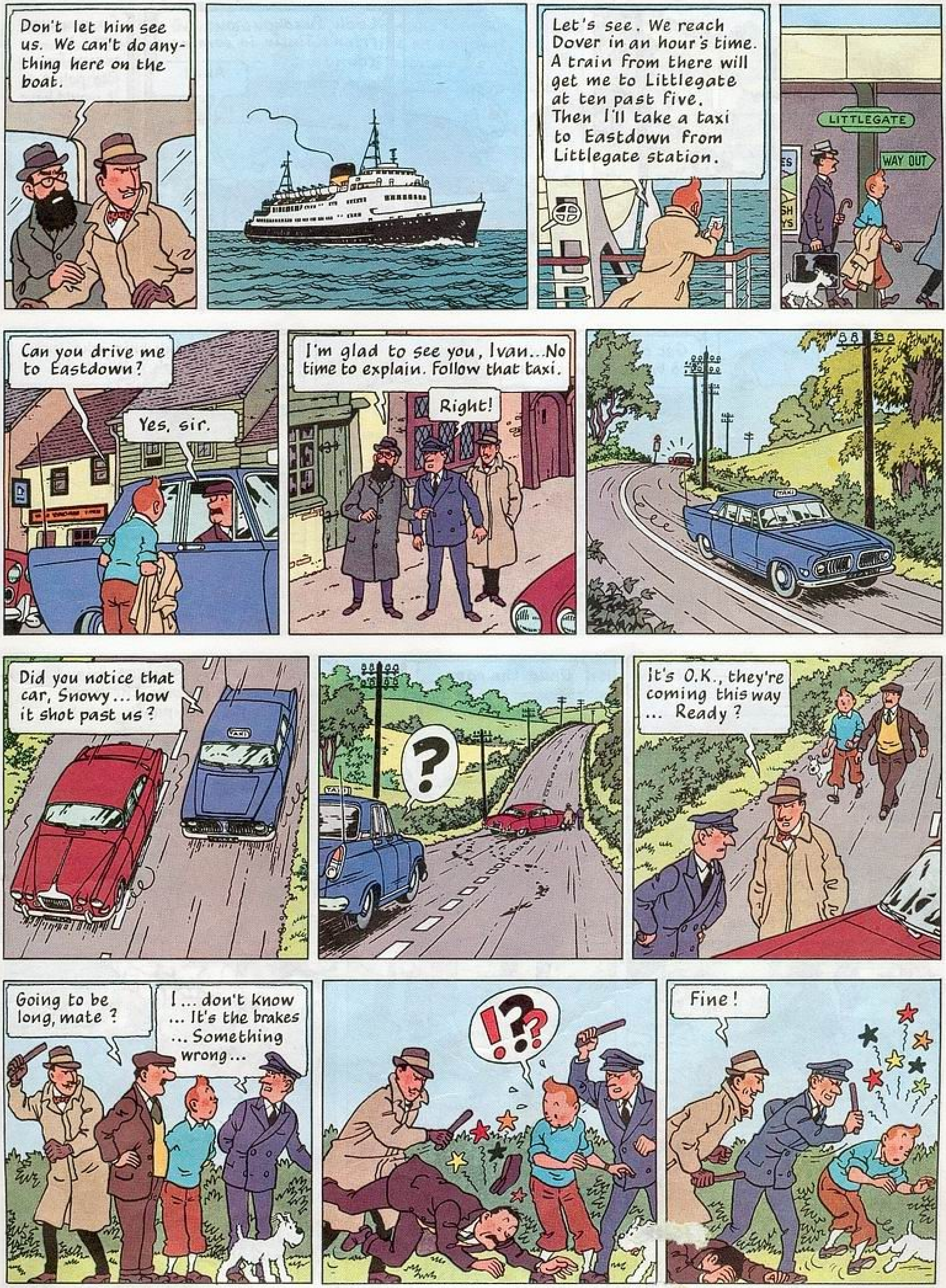
WHEW!


Don't let him see us. We can't do anything here on the boat.
Let's see. We reach Dover in an hour's time. A train from there will get me to Littlegate at ten past five. Then I'll take a taxi to Eastdown from Littlegate station.
LITTLEGATE
WAY OUT
Can you drive me to Eastdown?
Yes, sir.
I'm glad to see you, Ivan... No time to explain. Follow that taxi.
Right!
TAXI
Did you notice that car, Snowy... how it shot past us?
TAXI
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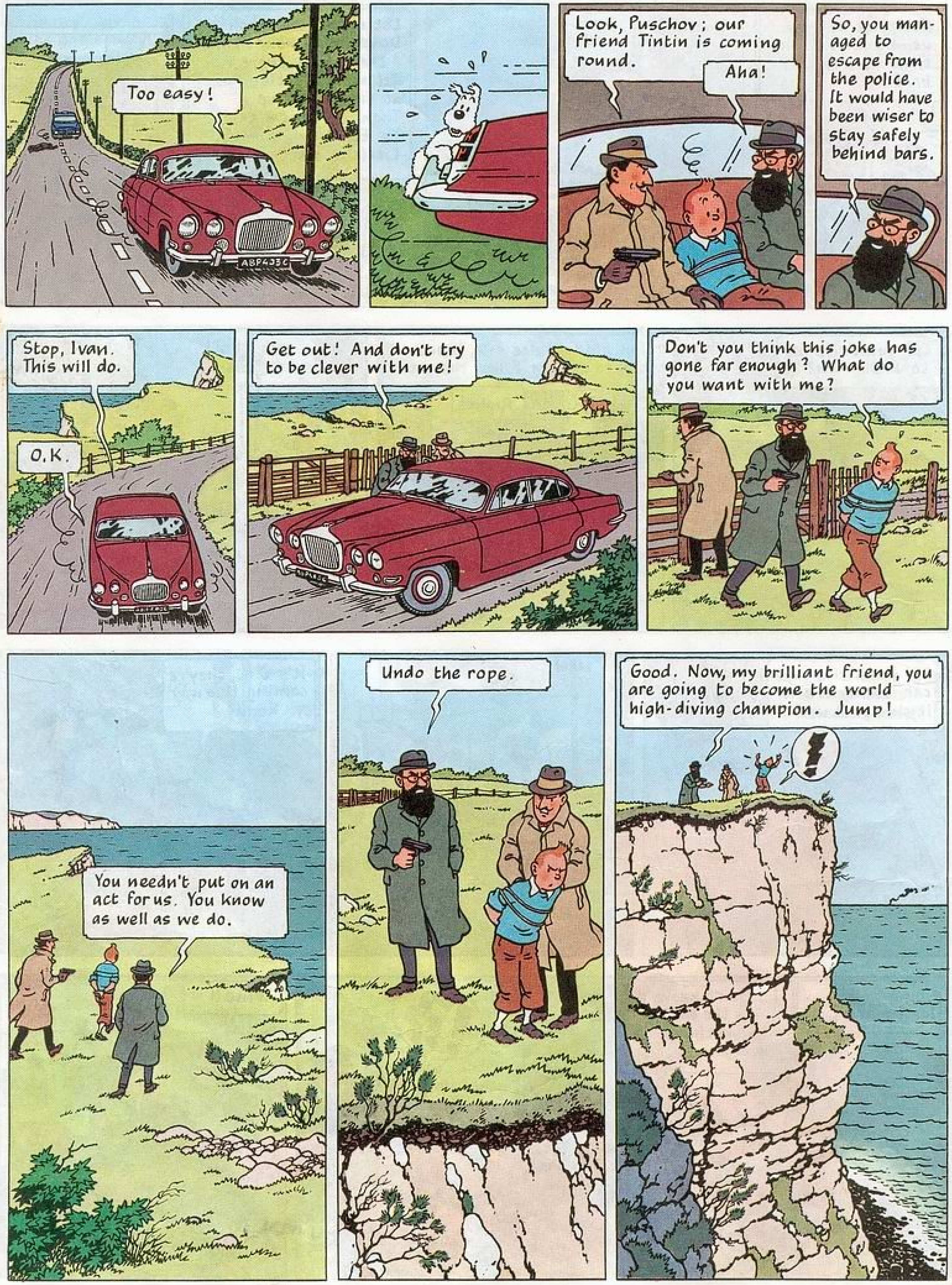
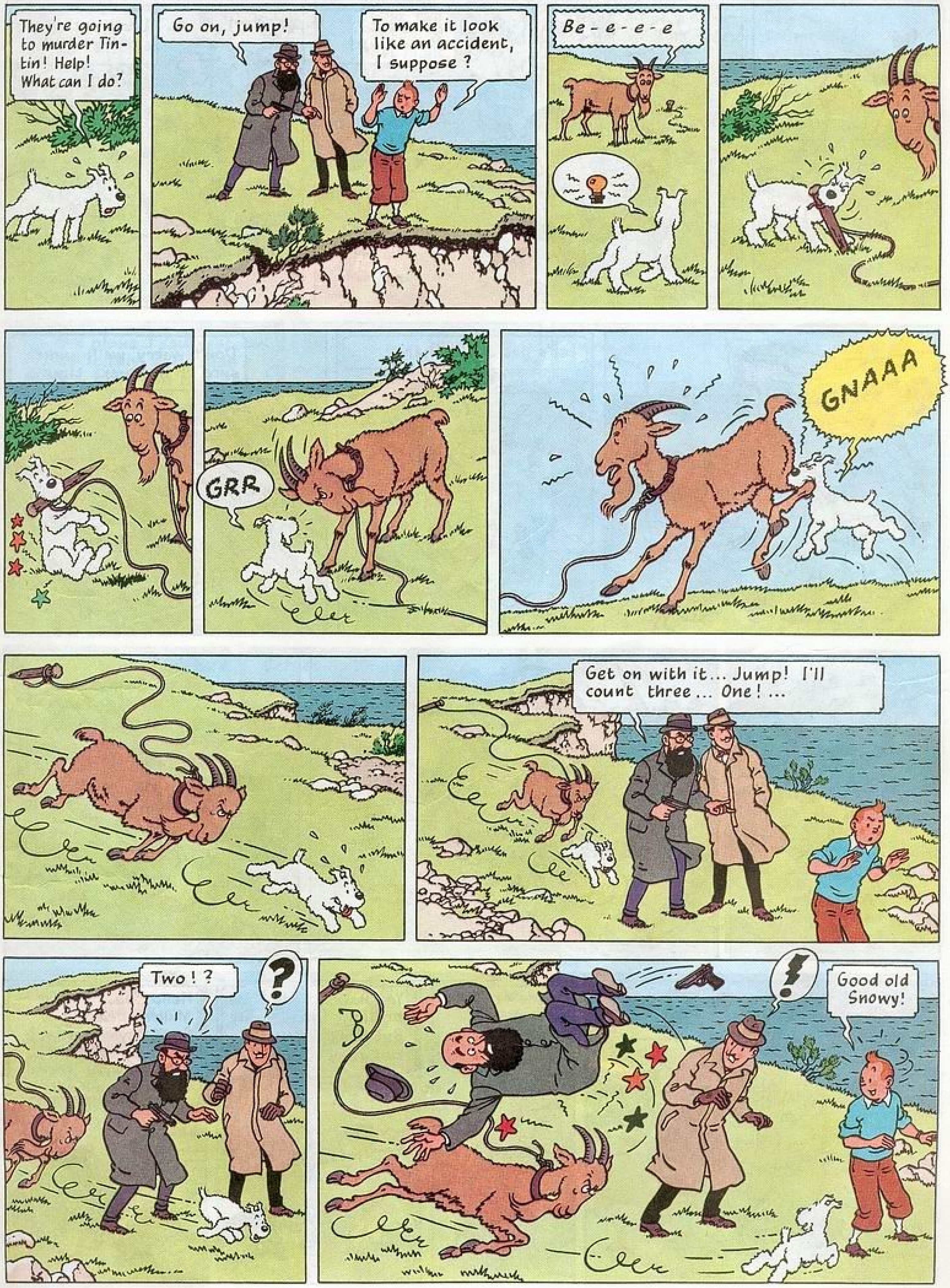
It's O.K., they're coming this way ... Ready?
Going to be long, mate?
I... don't know ... It's the brakes ... Something wrong...
!??
Fine!


Too easy!
Look, Puschov; our friend Tintin is coming round.
Aha!
So, you managed to escape from the police. It would have been wiser to stay safely behind bars.
Stop, Ivan. This will do.
O.K.
Get out! And don't try to be clever with me!
Don't you think this joke has gone far enough? What do you want with me?
You needn't put on an act for us. You know as well as we do.
Undo the rope.
Good. Now, my brilliant friend, you are going to become the world high-diving champion. Jump!


They're going to murder Tintin! Help! What can I do?
Go on, jump!
To make it look like an accident, I suppose?
Be-e-e-e
GRR
GNAAA
Get on with it... Jump! I'll count three... One!...
Two!?
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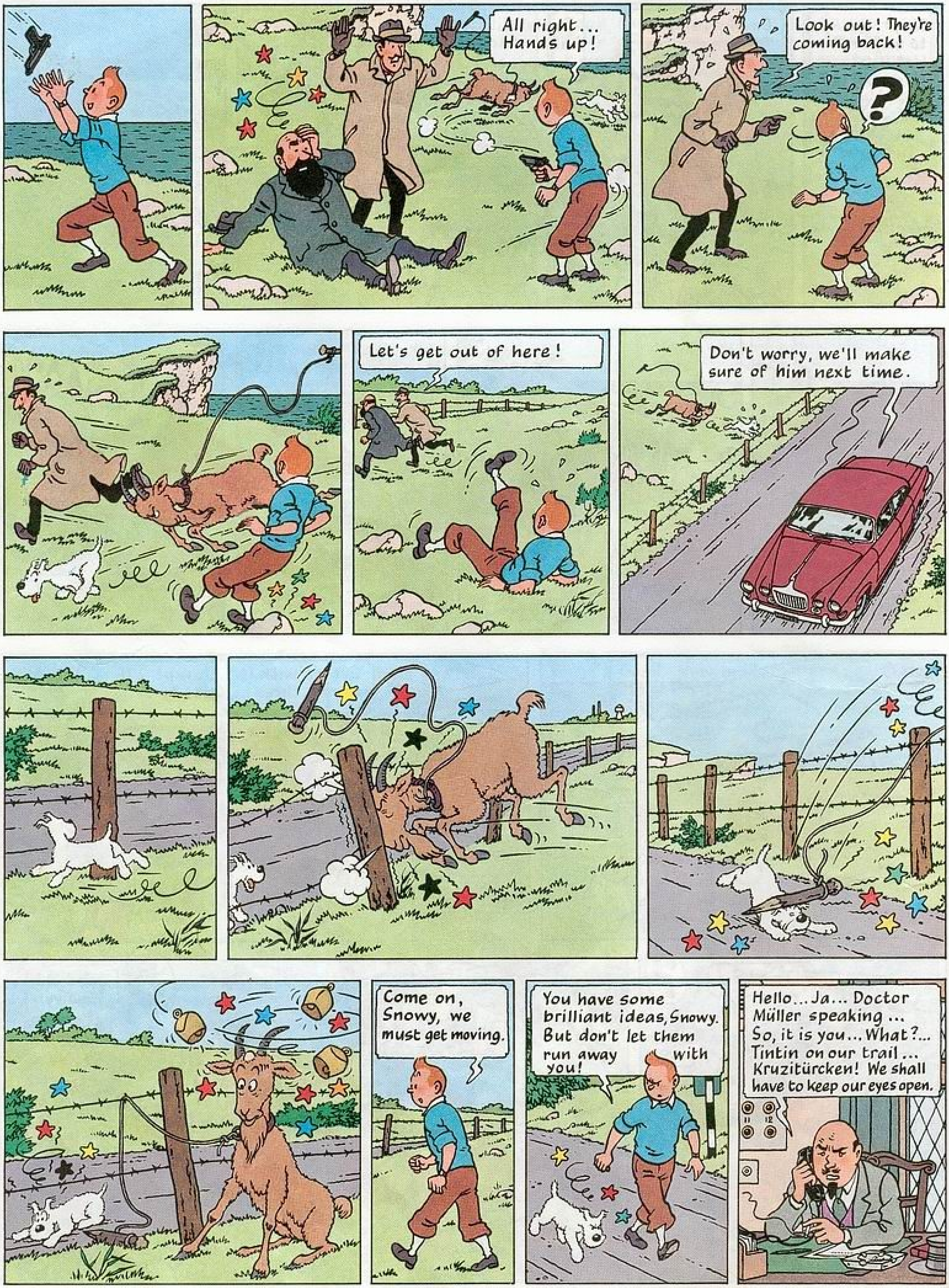
Good old Snowy!


All right... Hands up!
Look out! They're coming back!
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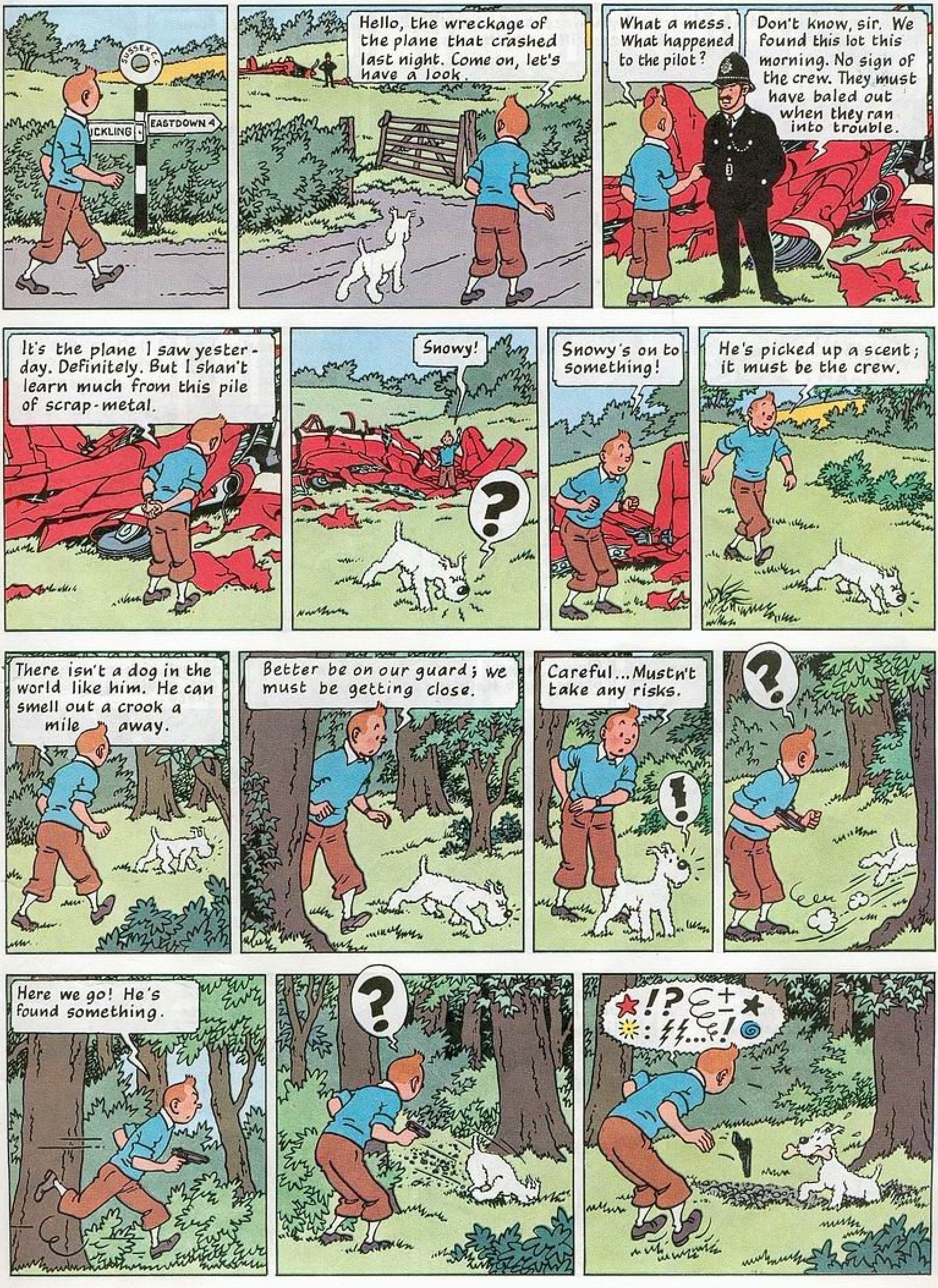
Let's get out of here!
Don't worry, we'll make sure of him next time.
Come on, Snowy, we must get moving.
You have some brilliant ideas, Snowy. But don't let them run away with you!
Hello... Ja... Doctor Müller speaking ... So, it is you... What?... Tintin on our trail... Kruzitürcken! We shall have to keep our eyes open.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ICKLING 4
EASTDOWN 4
Hello, the wreckage of the plane that crashed last night. Come on, let's have a look.
What a mess. What happened to the pilot?
Don't know, sir. We found this lot this morning. No sign of the crew. They must have baled out when they ran into trouble.
It's the plane I saw yesterday. Definitely. But I shan't learn much from this pile of scrap-metal.
Snowy!
?
Snowy's on to something!
He's picked up a scent; it must be the crew.
There isn't a dog in the world like him. He can smell out a crook a mile away.
Better be on our guard; we must be getting close.
Careful... Mustn't take any risks.
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Here we go! He's found something.
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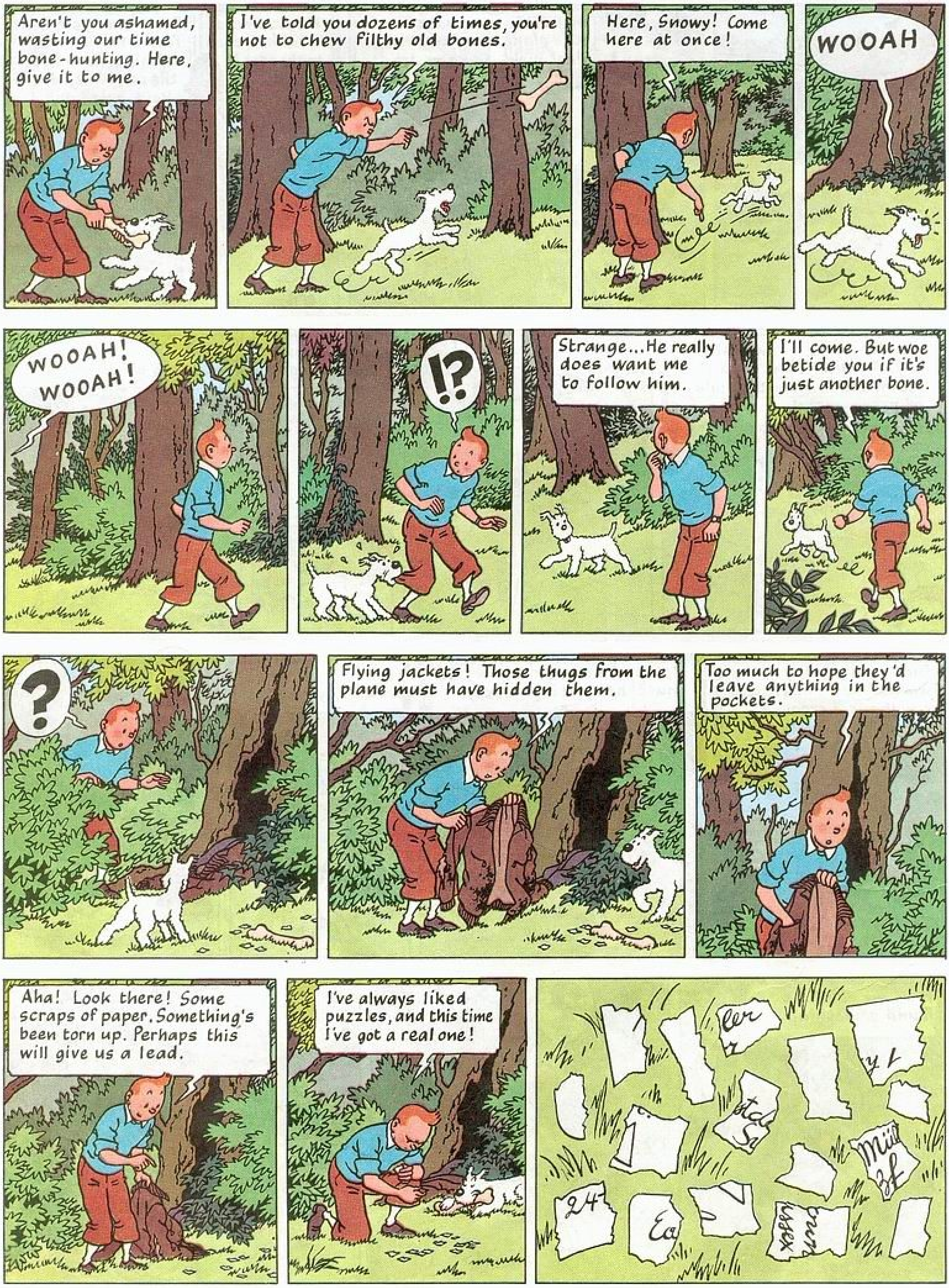
!? ... !


Aren't you ashamed, wasting our time bone-hunting. Here, give it to me.
I've told you dozens of times, you're not to chew filthy old bones.
Here, Snowy! Come here at once!
WOOAH
WOOAH! WOOAH!
!?
Strange...He really does want me to follow him.
I'll come. But woe betide you if it's just another bone.
?
Flying jackets! Those thugs from the plane must have hidden them.
Too much to hope they'd leave anything in the pockets.
Aha! Look there! Some scraps of paper. Something's been torn up. Perhaps this will give us a lead.
I've always liked puzzles, and this time I've got a real one!
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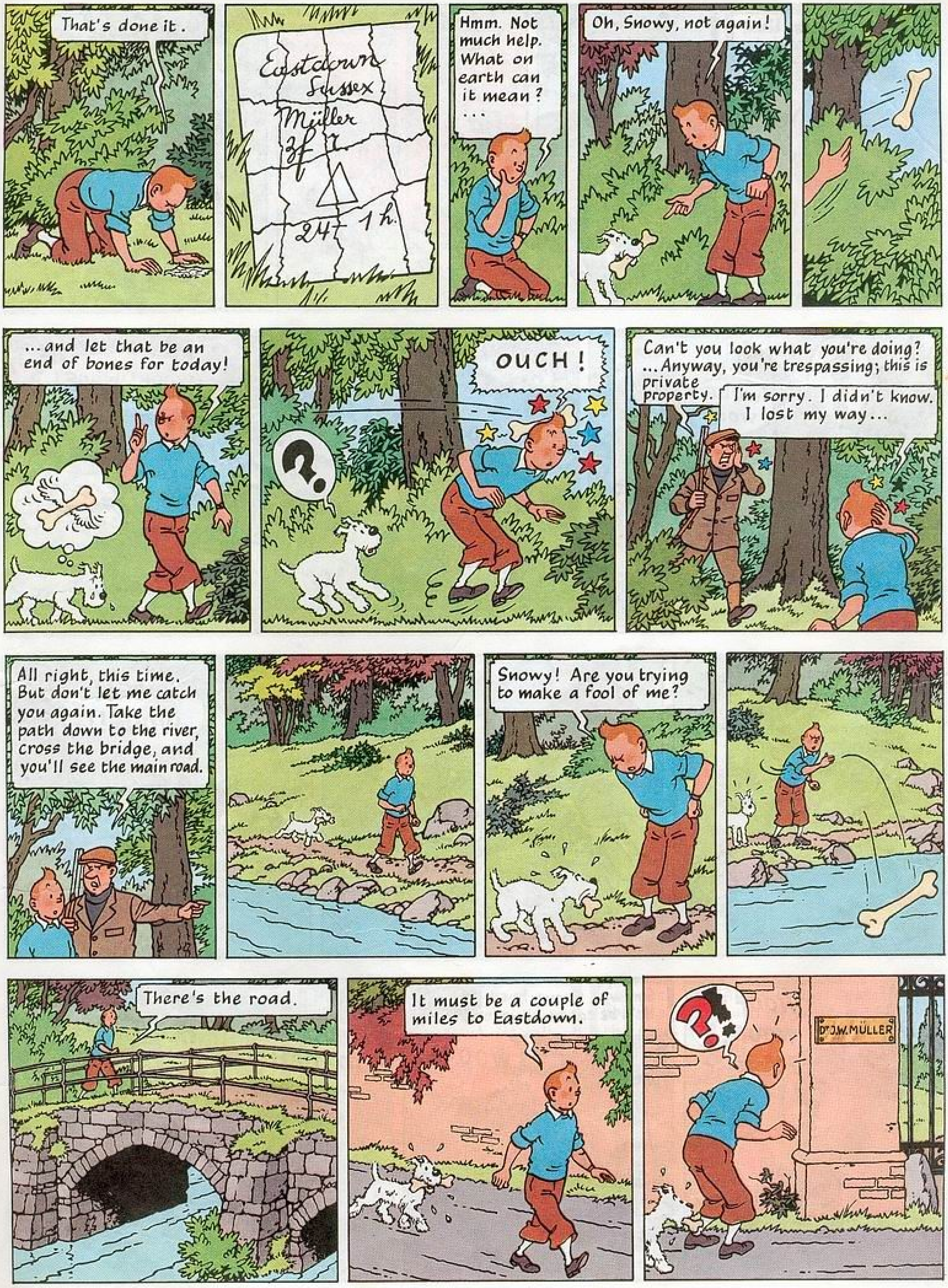
That's done it.
Eastdown
Sussex
Müller
3f 7
24 1 h.
Hmm. Not much help. What on earth can it mean? ...
Oh, Snowy, not again!
...and let that be an end of bones for today!
OUCH!
?
Can't you look what you're doing? ... Anyway, you're trespassing; this is private property.
I'm sorry. I didn't know. I lost my way...
All right, this time. But don't let me catch you again. Take the path down to the river, cross the bridge, and you'll see the main road.
Snowy! Are you trying to make a fool of me?
There's the road.
It must be a couple of miles to Eastdown.
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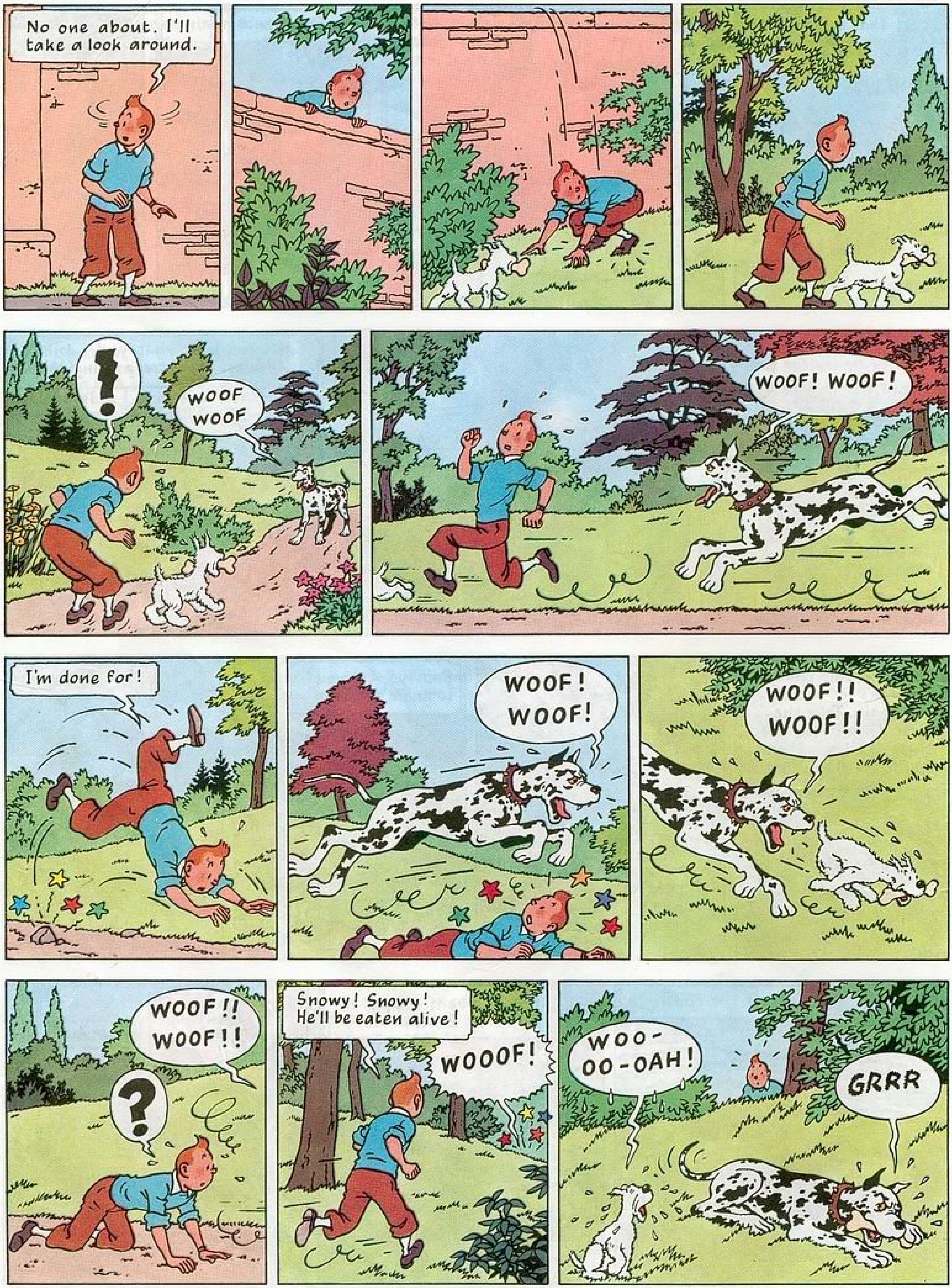
Dr J.W. MÜLLER


No one about. I'll take a look around.
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WOOF WOOF
WOOF! WOOF!
I'm done for!
WOOF! WOOF!
WOOF!! WOOF!!
WOOF!! WOOF!!
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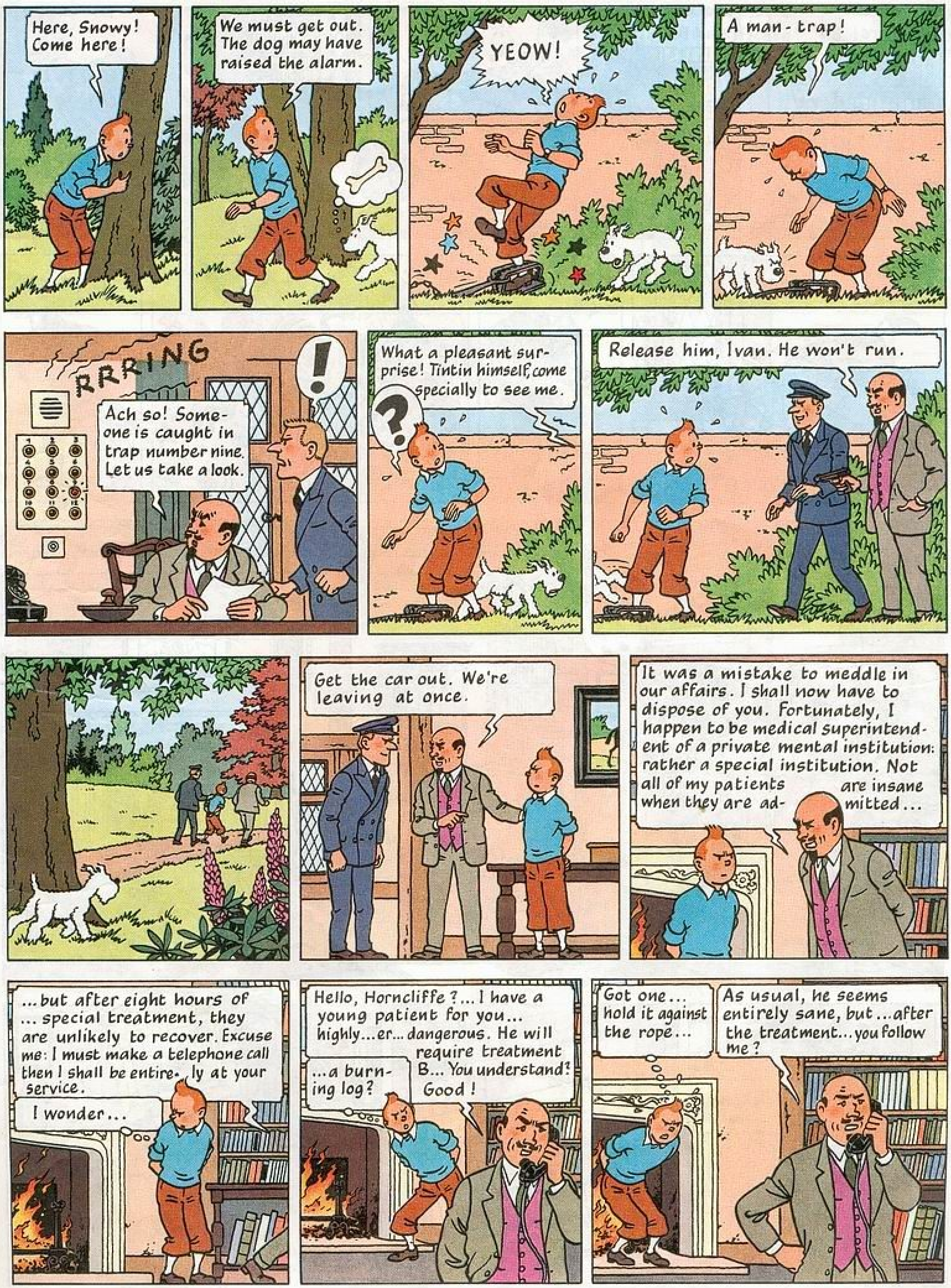
Snowy! Snowy! He'll be eaten alive!
WOOOF!
WOO-OO-OAH!
GRRR


Here, Snowy! Come here!
We must get out. The dog may have raised the alarm.
YEOW!
A man-trap!
RRRING
!
Ach so! Someone is caught in trap number nine. Let us take a look.
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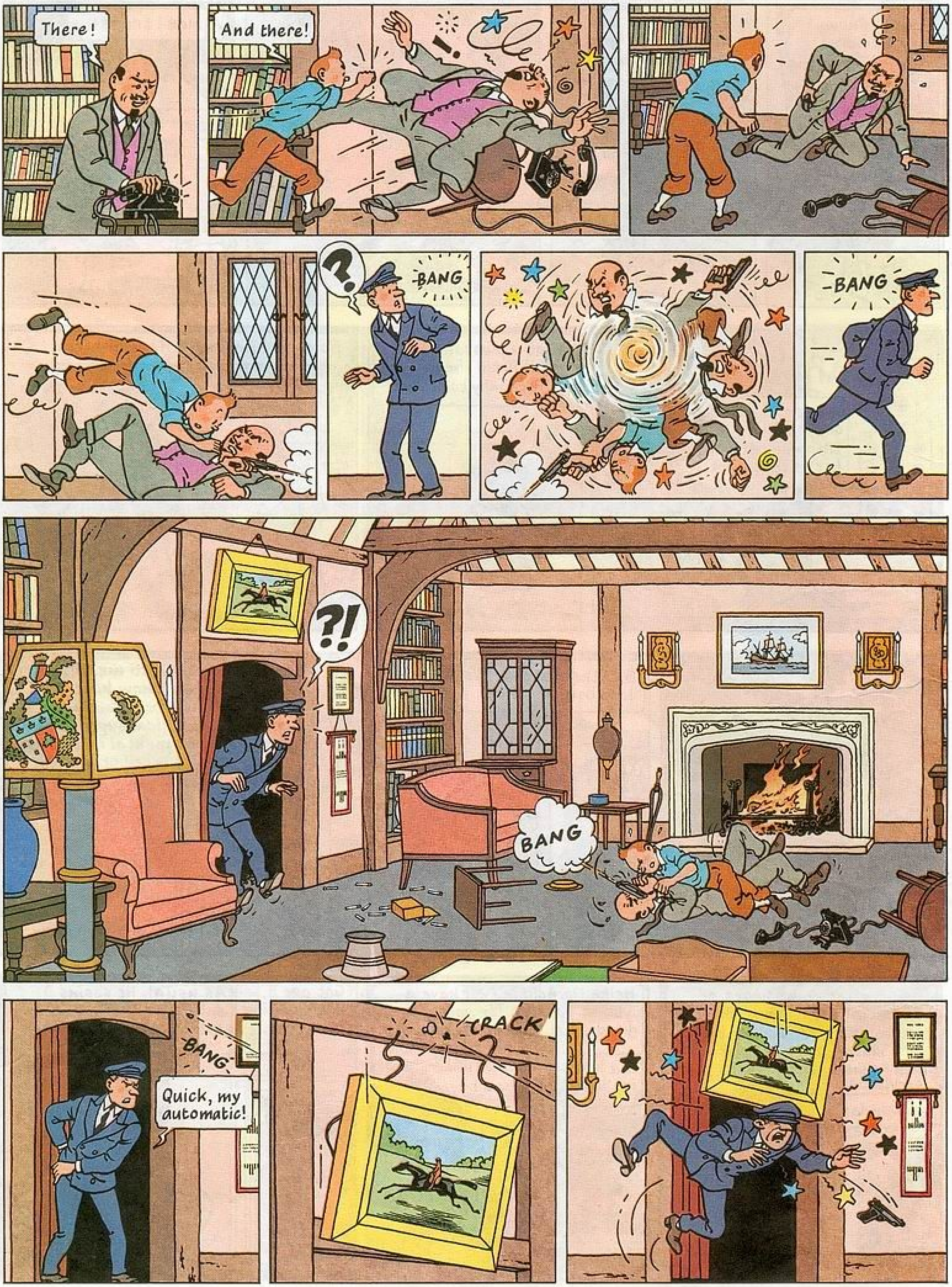
What a pleasant surprise! Tintin himself, come specially to see me.
?
Release him, Ivan. He won't run.
Get the car out. We're leaving at once.
It was a mistake to meddle in our affairs. I shall now have to dispose of you. Fortunately, I happen to be medical superintendent of a private mental institution: rather a special institution. Not all of my patients are insane when they are admitted...
...but after eight hours of ... special treatment, they are unlikely to recover. Excuse me: I must make a telephone call then I shall be entirely at your service.
I wonder...
Hello, Horncliffe?... I have a young patient for you... highly...er... dangerous. He will require treatment B... You understand? Good!
...a burning log?
Got one... hold it against the rope...
As usual, he seems entirely sane, but...after the treatment...you follow me?


There!
And there!
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BANG
BANG
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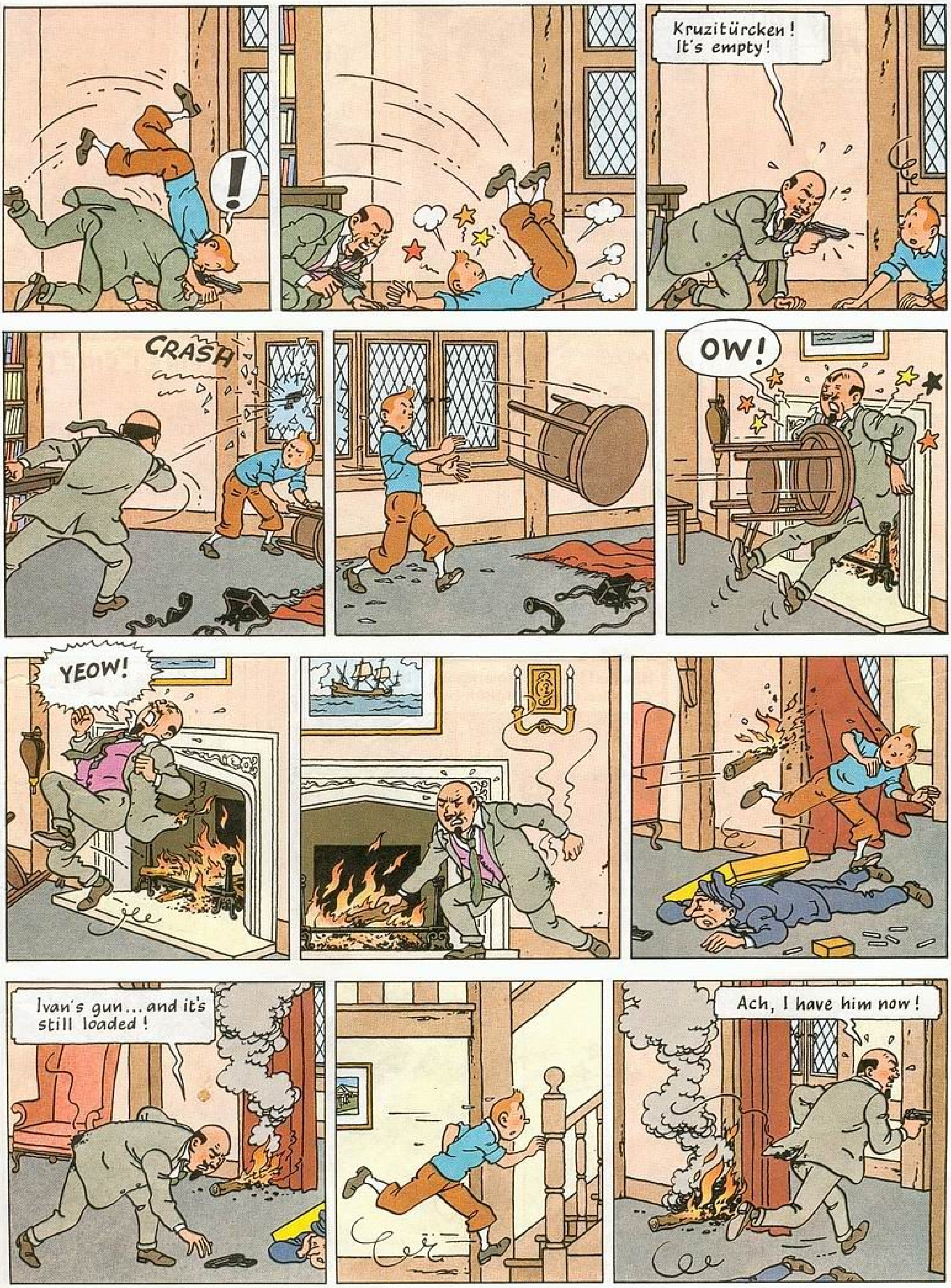
BANG
BANG
Quick, my automatic!
CRACK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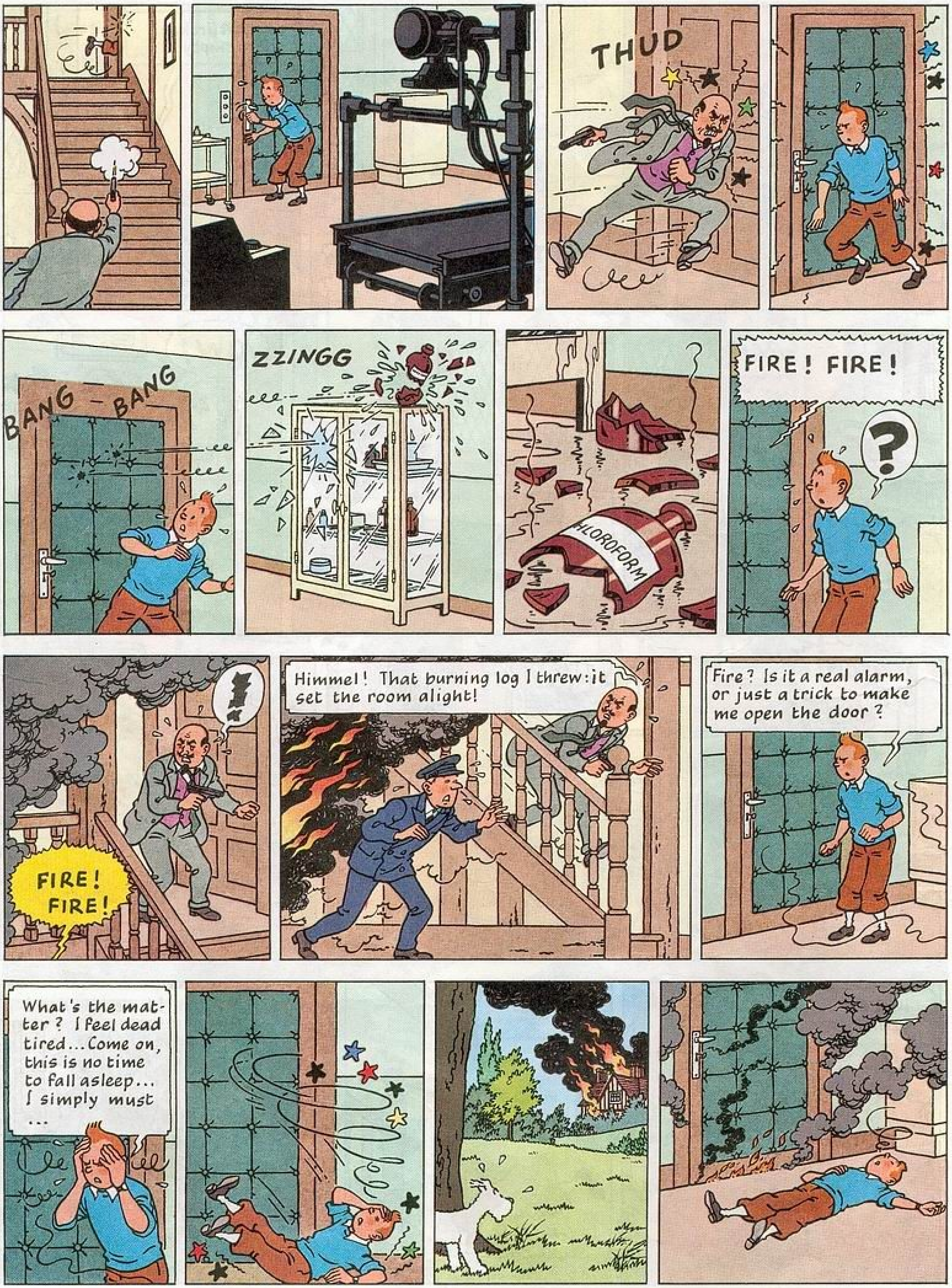
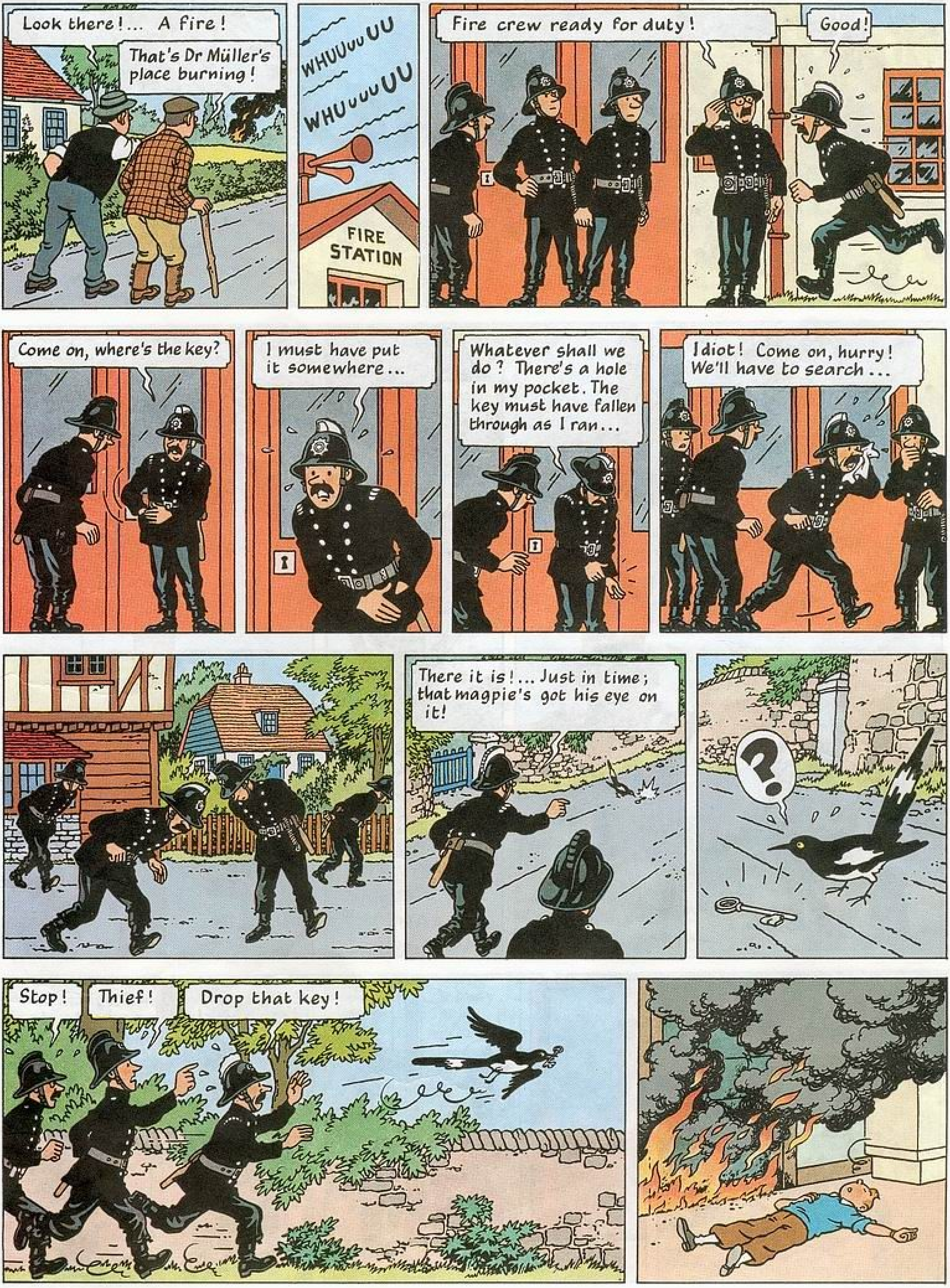
Kruzitürcken! It's empty!
CRASH
OW!
YEOW!
Ivan's gun... and it's still loaded!
Ach, I have him now!


THUD
BANG — BANG
ZZINGG
HLOROFORM
FIRE! FIRE!
?
FIRE! FIRE!
Himmel! That burning log I threw: it set the room alight!
Fire? Is it a real alarm, or just a trick to make me open the door?
What's the matter? I feel dead tired... Come on, this is no time to fall asleep... I simply must ...


Look there!... A fire!
That's Dr Müller's place burning!
WHUUuuUU
WHUuuuUU
FIRE STATION
Fire crew ready for duty!
Good!
Come on, where's the key?
I must have put it somewhere...
Whatever shall we do? There's a hole in my pocket. The key must have fallen through as I ran...
Idiot! Come on, hurry! We'll have to search...
There it is!... Just in time; that magpie's got his eye on it!
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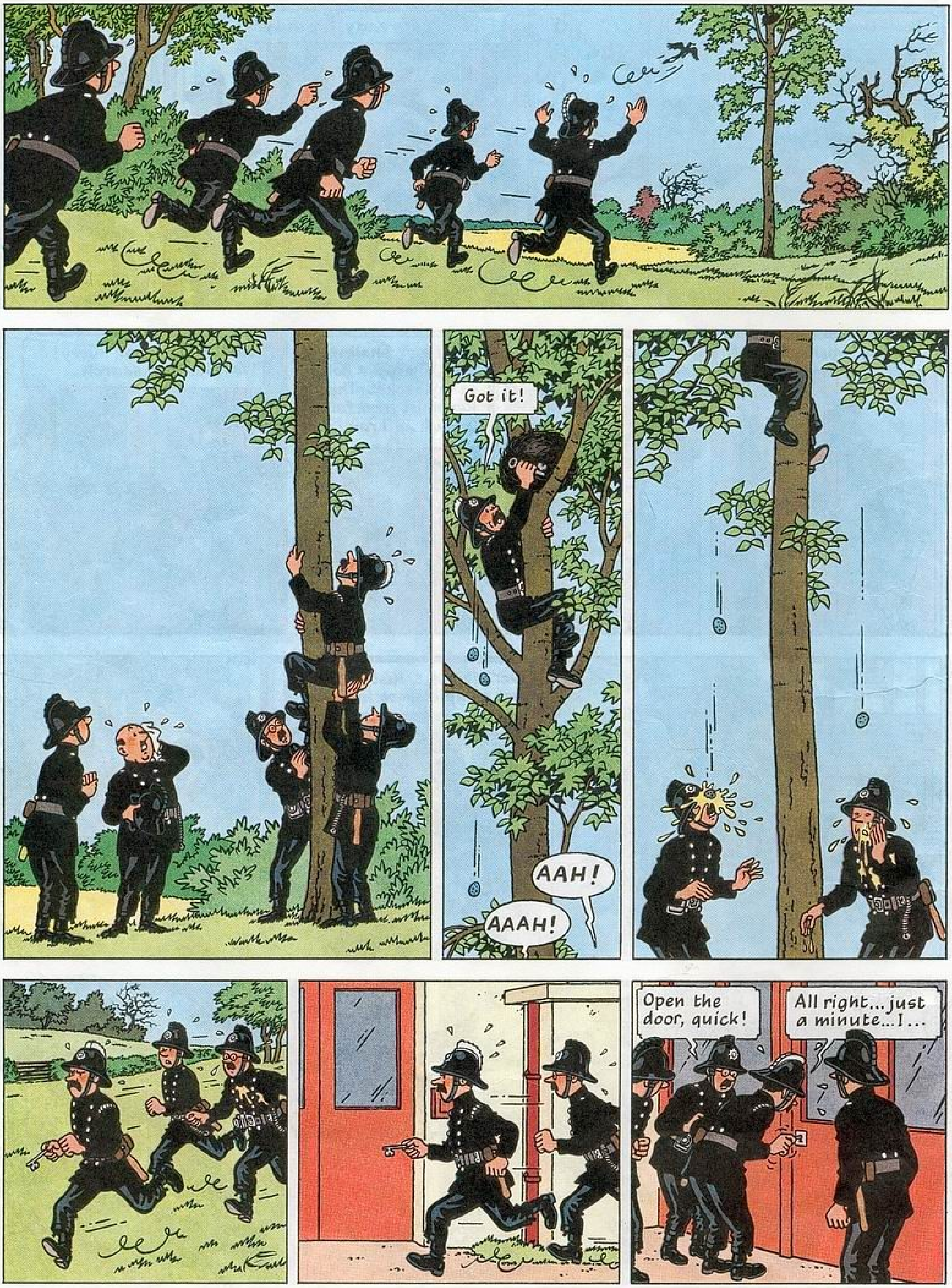
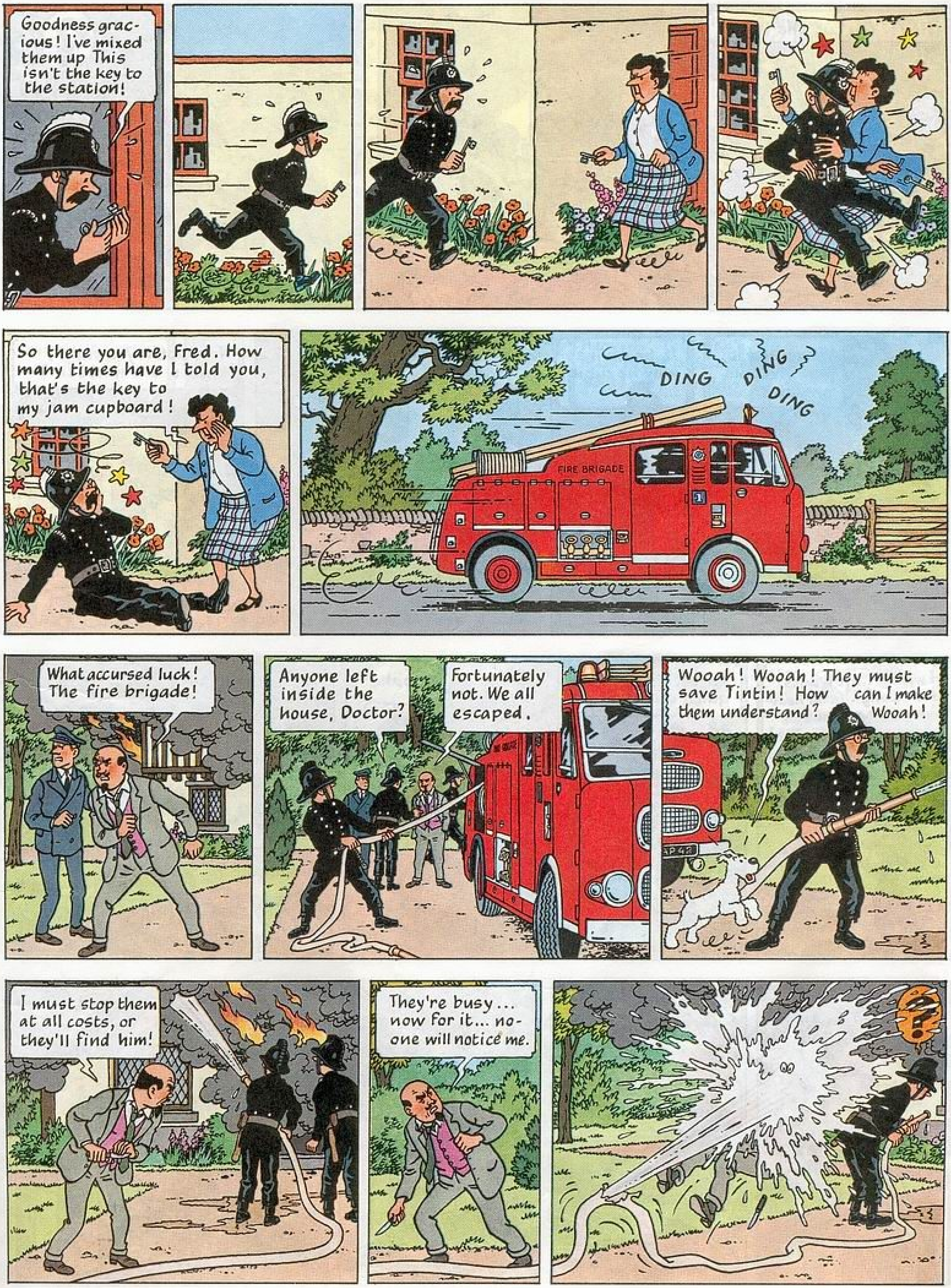
Stop!
Thief!
Drop that key!


Got it!
AAH!
AAAH!
Open the door, quick!
All right... just a minute... I...


Goodness gracious! I've mixed them up This isn't the key to the station!
So there you are, Fred. How many times have I told you, that's the key to my jam cupboard!
DING DING DING
FIRE BRIGADE
What accursed luck! The fire brigade!
Anyone left inside the house, Doctor?
Fortunately not. We all escaped.
Wooah! Wooah! They must save Tintin! How can I make them understand? Wooah!
I must stop them at all costs, or they'll find him!
They're busy ... now for it... no-one will notice me.
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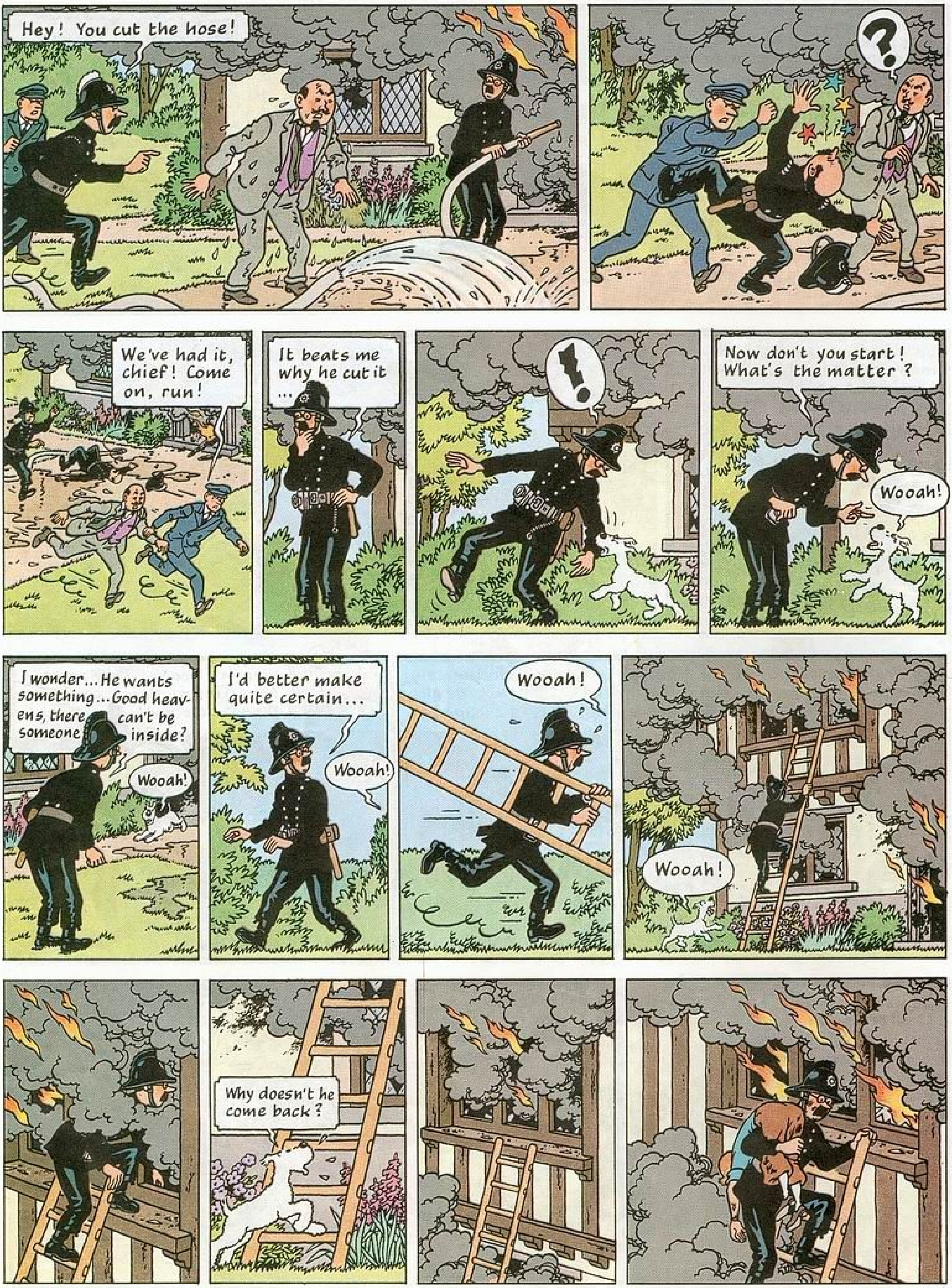
Hey! You cut the hose!
?
We've had it, chief! Come on, run!
It beats me why he cut it ...
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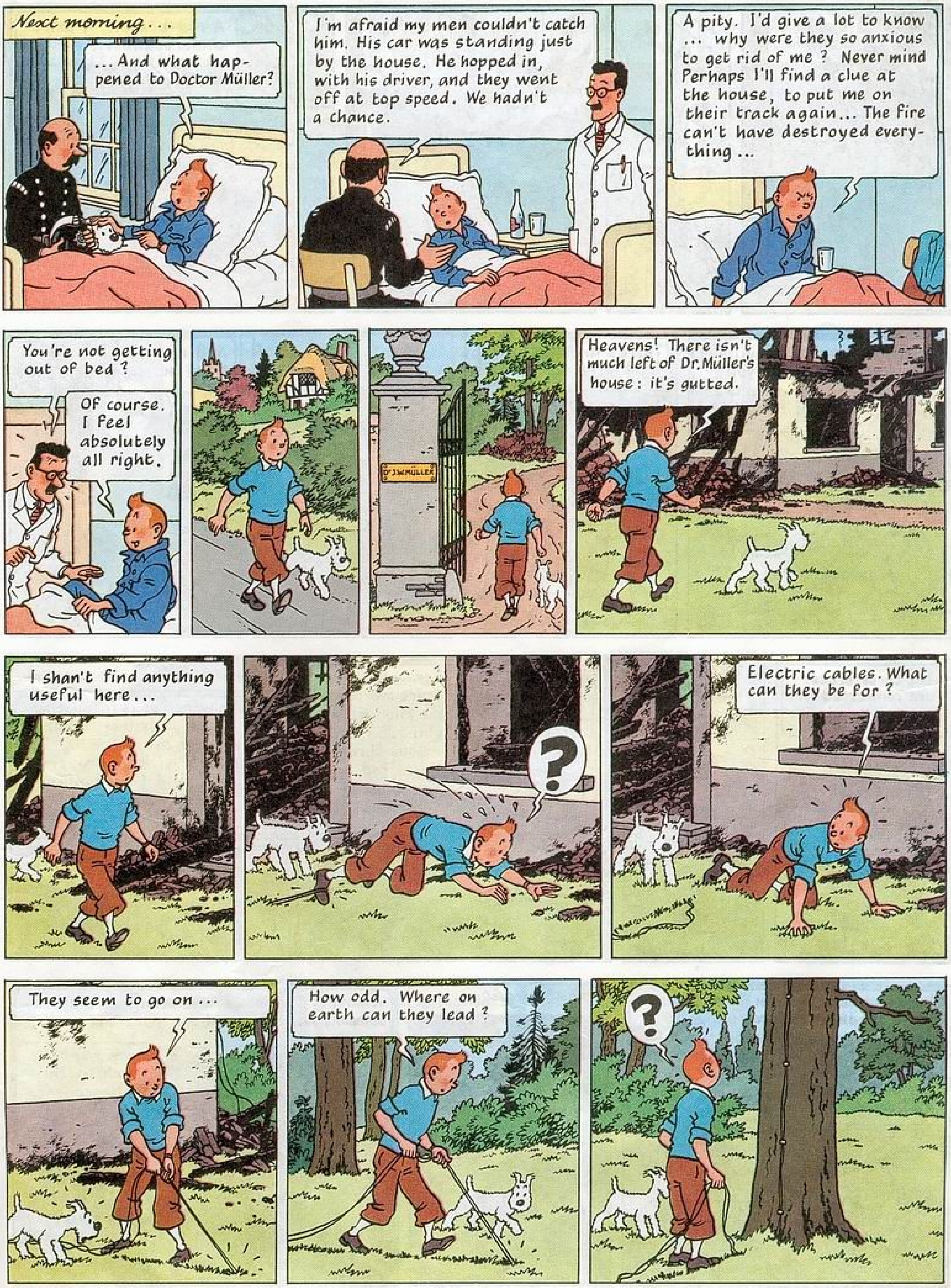
Now don't you start! What's the matter ?
Wooah!
I wonder... He wants something... Good heavens, there can't be someone inside?
Wooah!
I'd better make quite certain...
Wooah!
Wooah!
Wooah!
Why doesn't he come back?


Next morning ...
... And what happened to Doctor Müller?
I'm afraid my men couldn't catch him. His car was standing just by the house. He hopped in, with his driver, and they went off at top speed. We hadn't a chance.
A pity. I'd give a lot to know ... why were they so anxious to get rid of me? Never mind Perhaps I'll find a clue at the house, to put me on their track again... The fire can't have destroyed everything ...
You're not getting out of bed?
Of course. I feel absolutely all right.
Dr J.W.MÜLLER
Heavens! There isn't much left of Dr. Müller's house: it's gutted.
I shan't find anything useful here...
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Electric cables. What can they be for?
They seem to go on ...
How odd. Where on earth can they lead?
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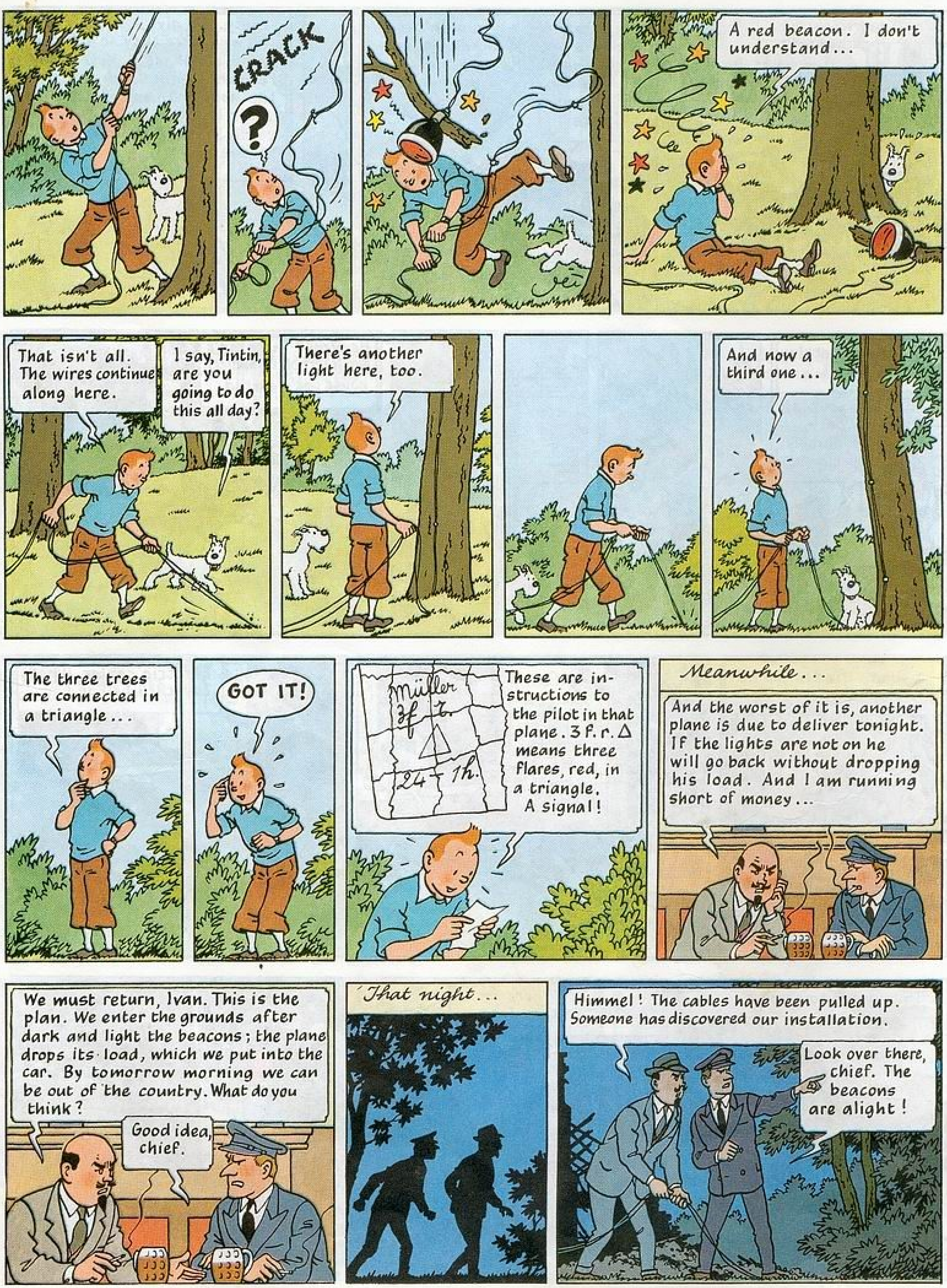
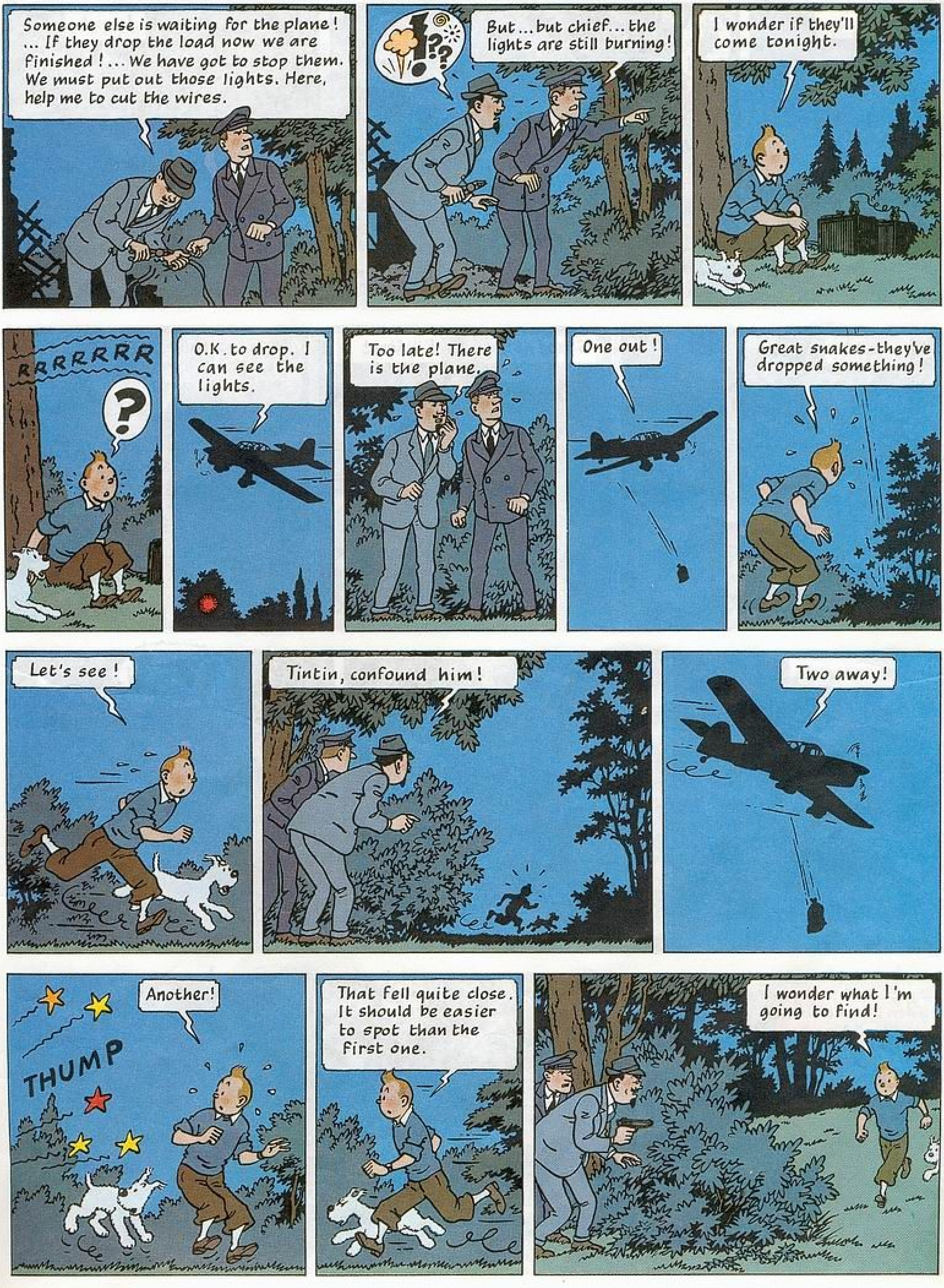
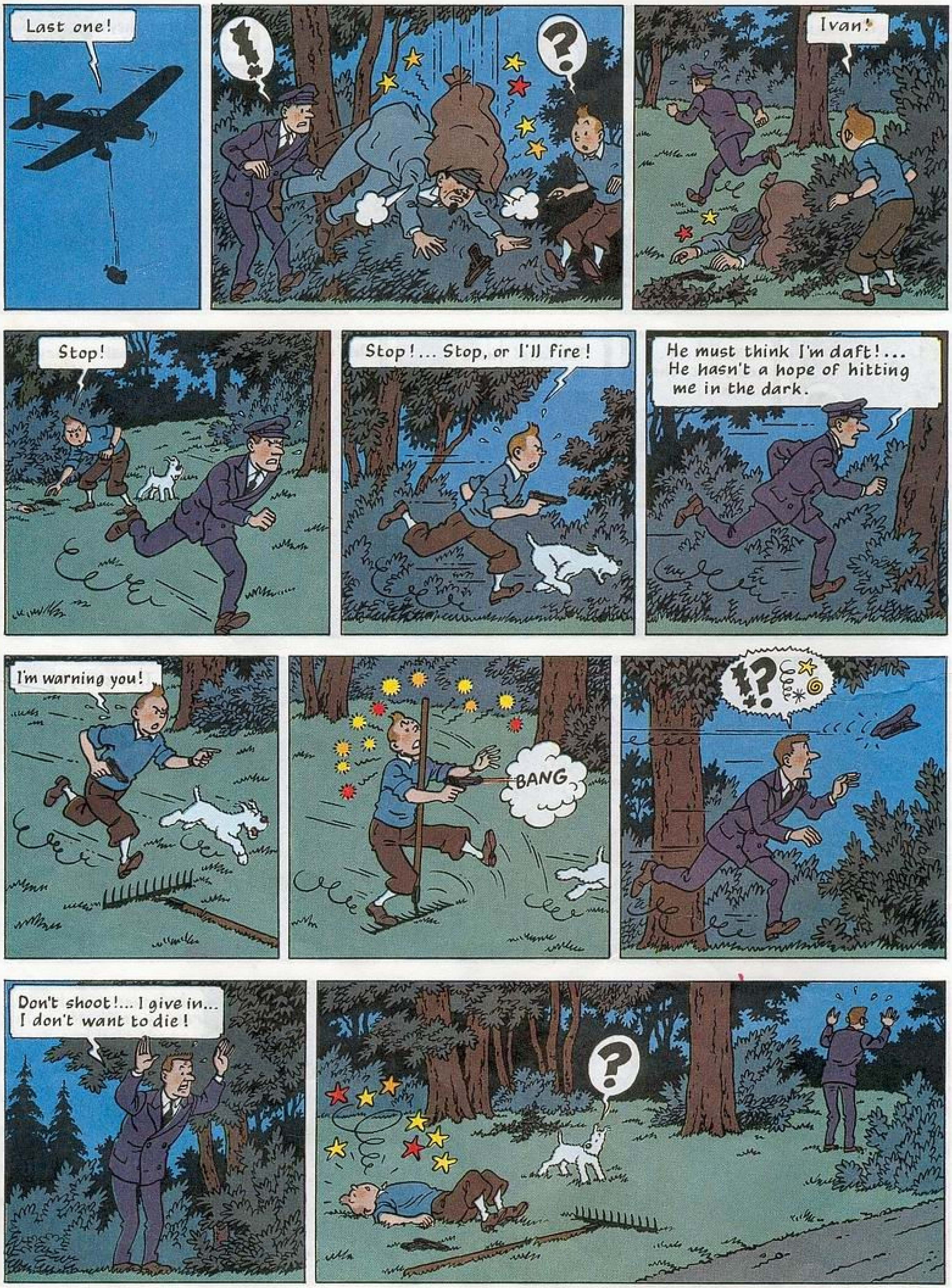

CRACK
?
A red beacon. I don't understand...
That isn't all. The wires continue along here.
I say, Tintin, are you going to do this all day?
There's another light here, too.
And now a third one...
The three trees are connected in a triangle...
GOT IT!
müller
3f r.
24 – 1h.
These are instructions to the pilot in that plane. 3 f. r. Δ means three flares, red, in a triangle. A signal!
Meanwhile...
And the worst of it is, another plane is due to deliver tonight. If the lights are not on he will go back without dropping his load. And I am running short of money...
We must return, Ivan. This is the plan. We enter the grounds after dark and light the beacons; the plane drops its load, which we put into the car. By tomorrow morning we can be out of the country. What do you think?
Good idea, chief.
That night...
Himmel! The cables have been pulled up. Someone has discovered our installation.
Look over there, chief. The beacons are alight!


Someone else is waiting for the plane! ... If they drop the load now we are finished! ... We have got to stop them. We must put out those lights. Here, help me to cut the wires.
!??
But ... but chief ... the lights are still burning!
I wonder if they'll come tonight.
RRRRRRRR
?
O.K. to drop. I can see the lights.
Too late! There is the plane.
One out!
Great snakes-they've dropped something!
Let's see!
Tintin, confound him!
Two away!
THUMP
Another!
That fell quite close. It should be easier to spot than the first one.
I wonder what I'm going to find!


Last one!
?
Ivan!
Stop!
Stop!... Stop, or I'll fire!
He must think I'm daft!... He hasn't a hope of hitting me in the dark.
I'm warning you!
BANG
!?
Don't shoot!... I give in... I don't want to die!
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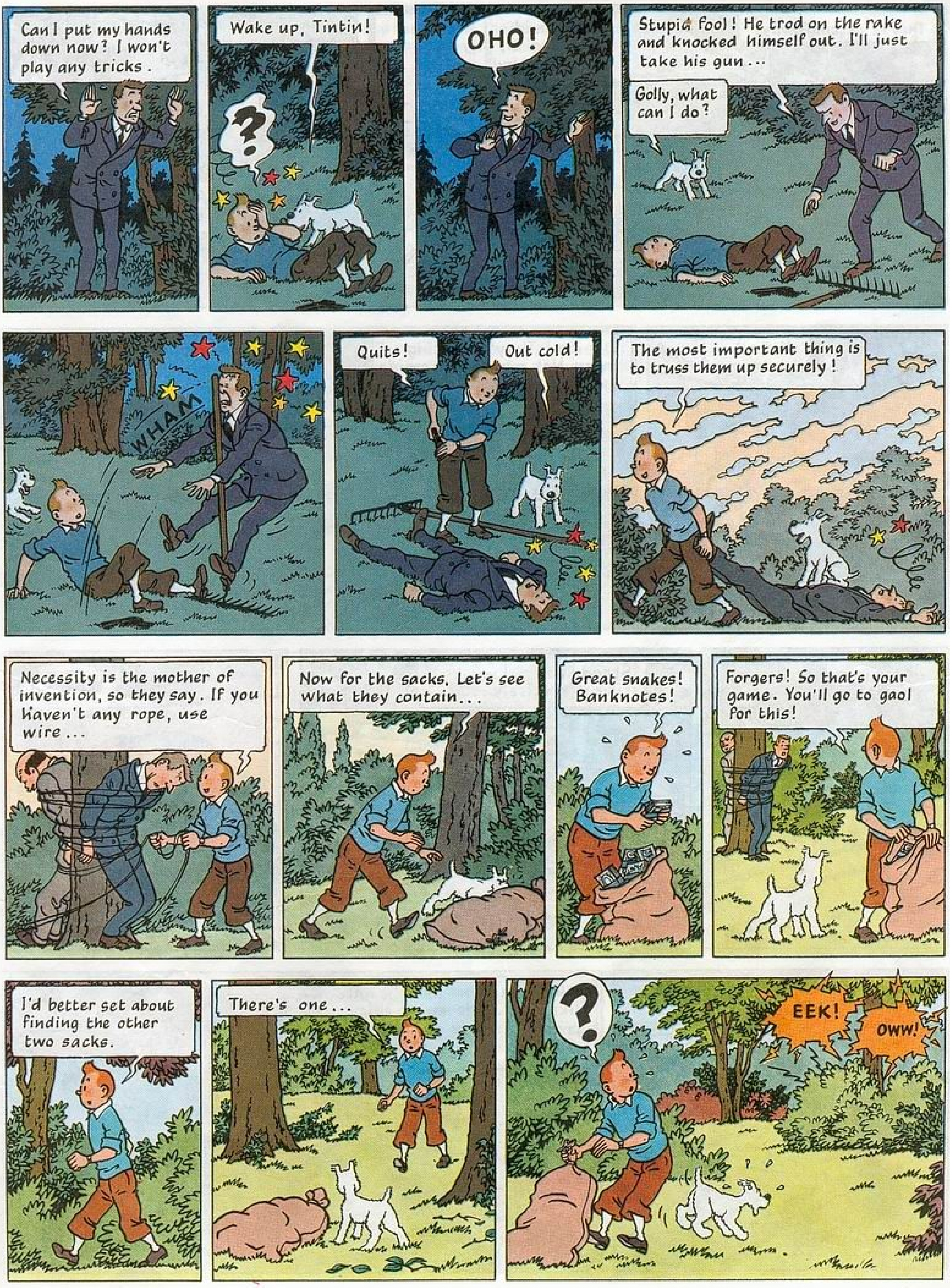
Can I put my hands down now? I won't play any tricks.
Wake up, Tintin!
?
OHO!
Stupid fool! He trod on the rake and knocked himself out. I'll just take his gun...
Golly, what can I do?
WHAM
Quits!
Out cold!
The most important thing is to truss them up securely!
Necessity is the mother of invention, so they say. If you haven't any rope, use wire...
Now for the sacks. Let's see what they contain...
Great snakes! Banknotes!
Forgers! So that's your game. You'll go to gaol for this!
I'd better set about finding the other two sacks.
There's one...
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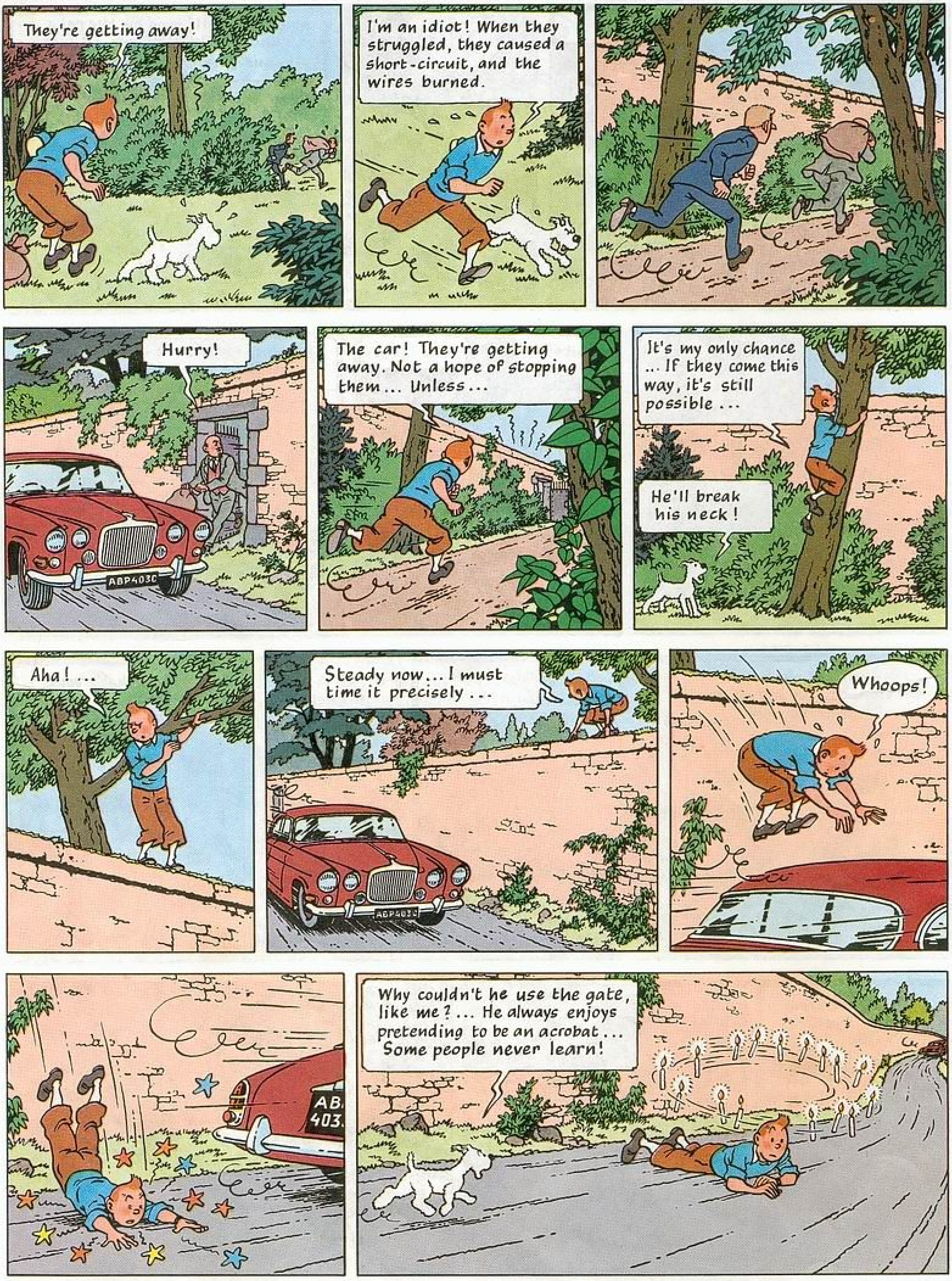
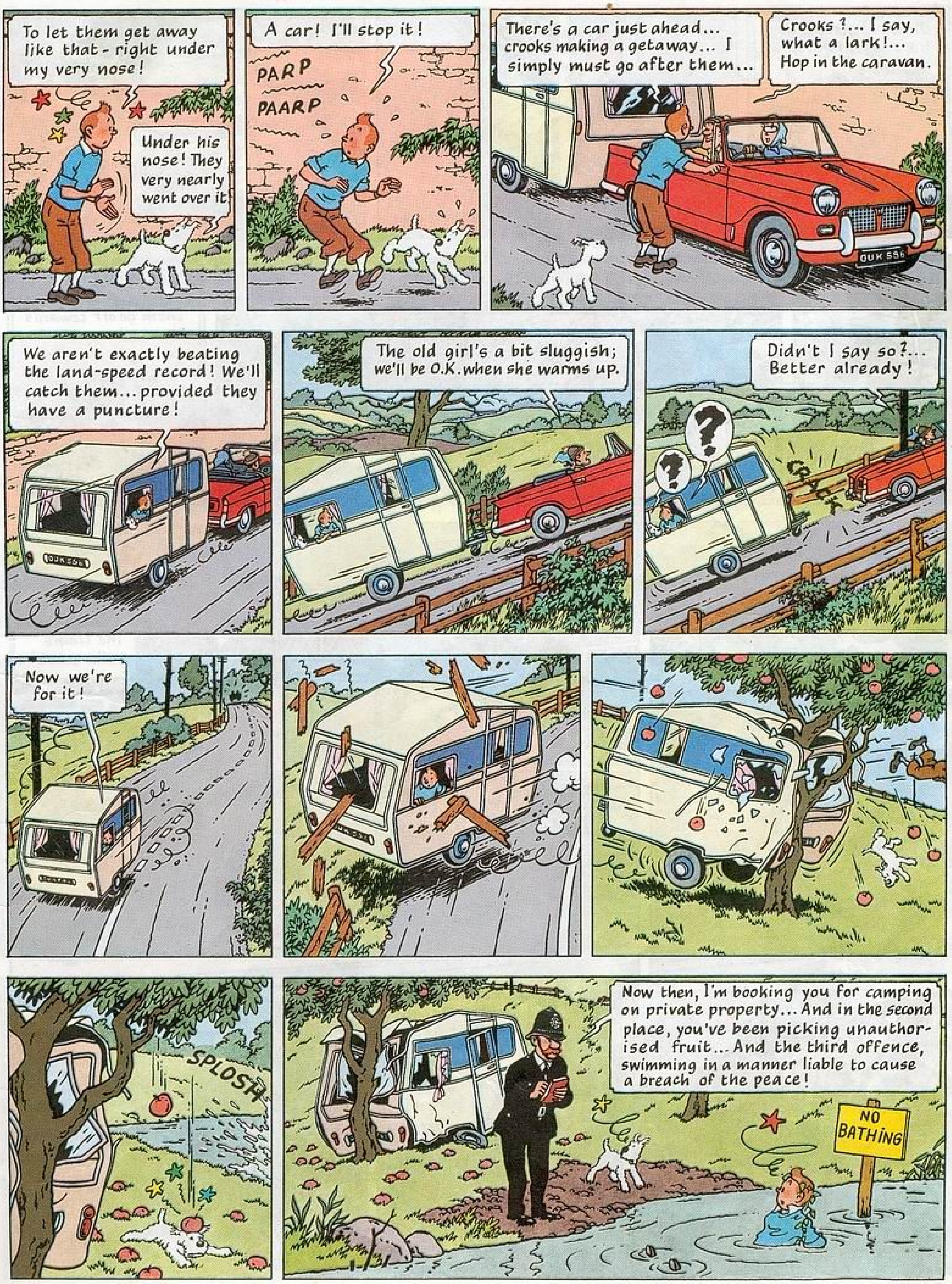
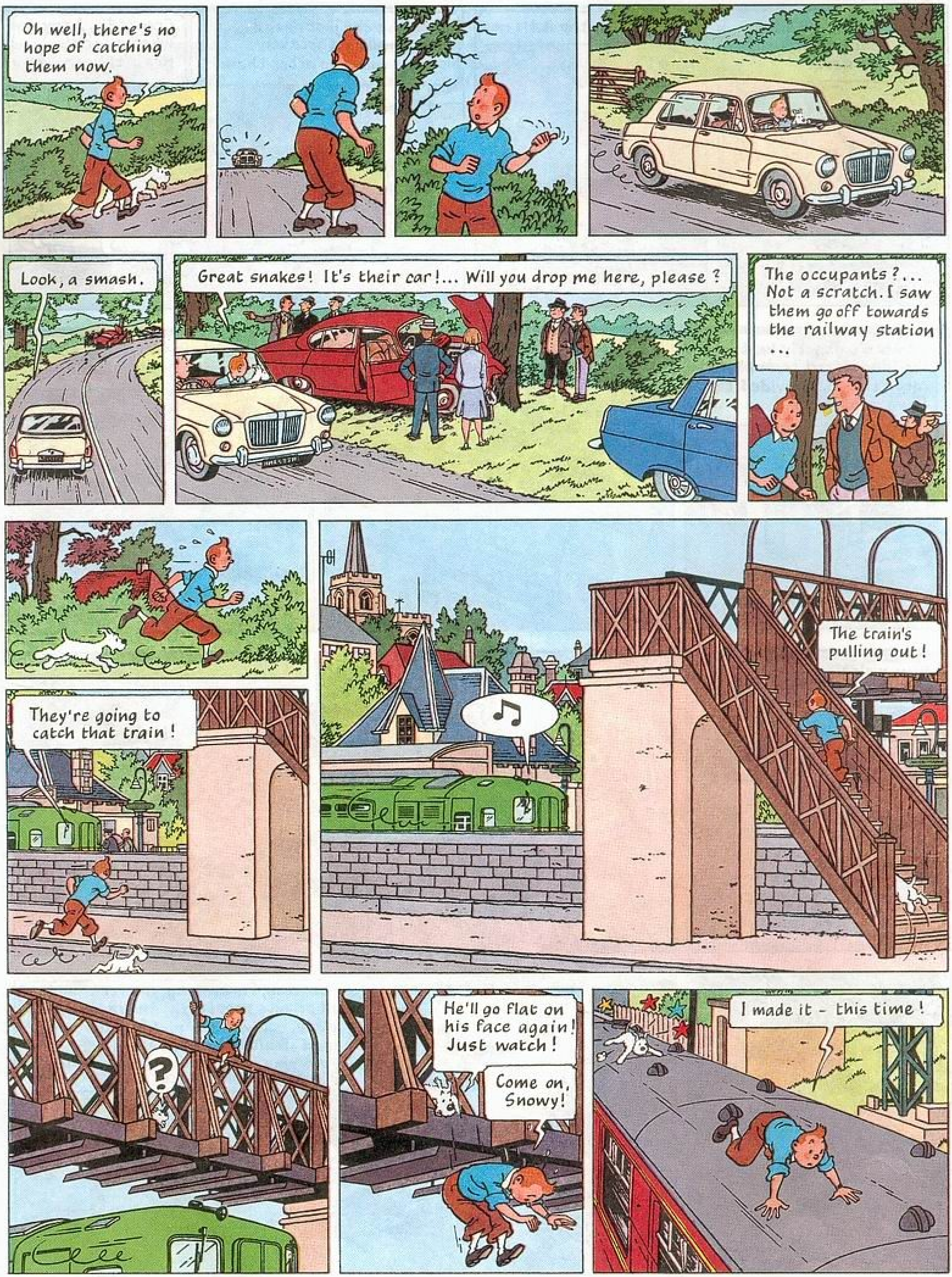
EEK!
OWW!


They're getting away!
I'm an idiot! When they struggled, they caused a short-circuit, and the wires burned.
Hurry!
ABP403C
The car! They're getting away. Not a hope of stopping them ... Unless ...
It's my only chance ... If they come this way, it's still possible ...
He'll break his neck!
Aha! ...
Steady now ... I must time it precisely ...
Whoops!
Why couldn't he use the gate, like me? ... He always enjoys pretending to be an acrobat ... Some people never learn!


To let them get away like that - right under my very nose!
Under his nose! They very nearly went over it!
A car! I'll stop it!
PARP
PAARP
There's a car just ahead... crooks making a getaway... I simply must go after them...
Crooks ?... I say, what a lark!... Hop in the caravan.
OUK 596
We aren't exactly beating the land-speed record! We'll catch them... provided they have a puncture!
The old girl's a bit sluggish; we'll be O.K. when she warms up.
Didn't I say so?... Better already!
?
?
CRACK
Now we're for it!
SPLOSH
Now then, I'm booking you for camping on private property... And in the second place, you've been picking unauthorised fruit... And the third offence, swimming in a manner liable to cause a breach of the peace!
NO BATHING


Oh well, there's no hope of catching them now.
Look, a smash.
Great snakes! It's their car!... Will you drop me here, please?
The occupants?... Not a scratch. I saw them go off towards the railway station...
They're going to catch that train!
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The train's pulling out!
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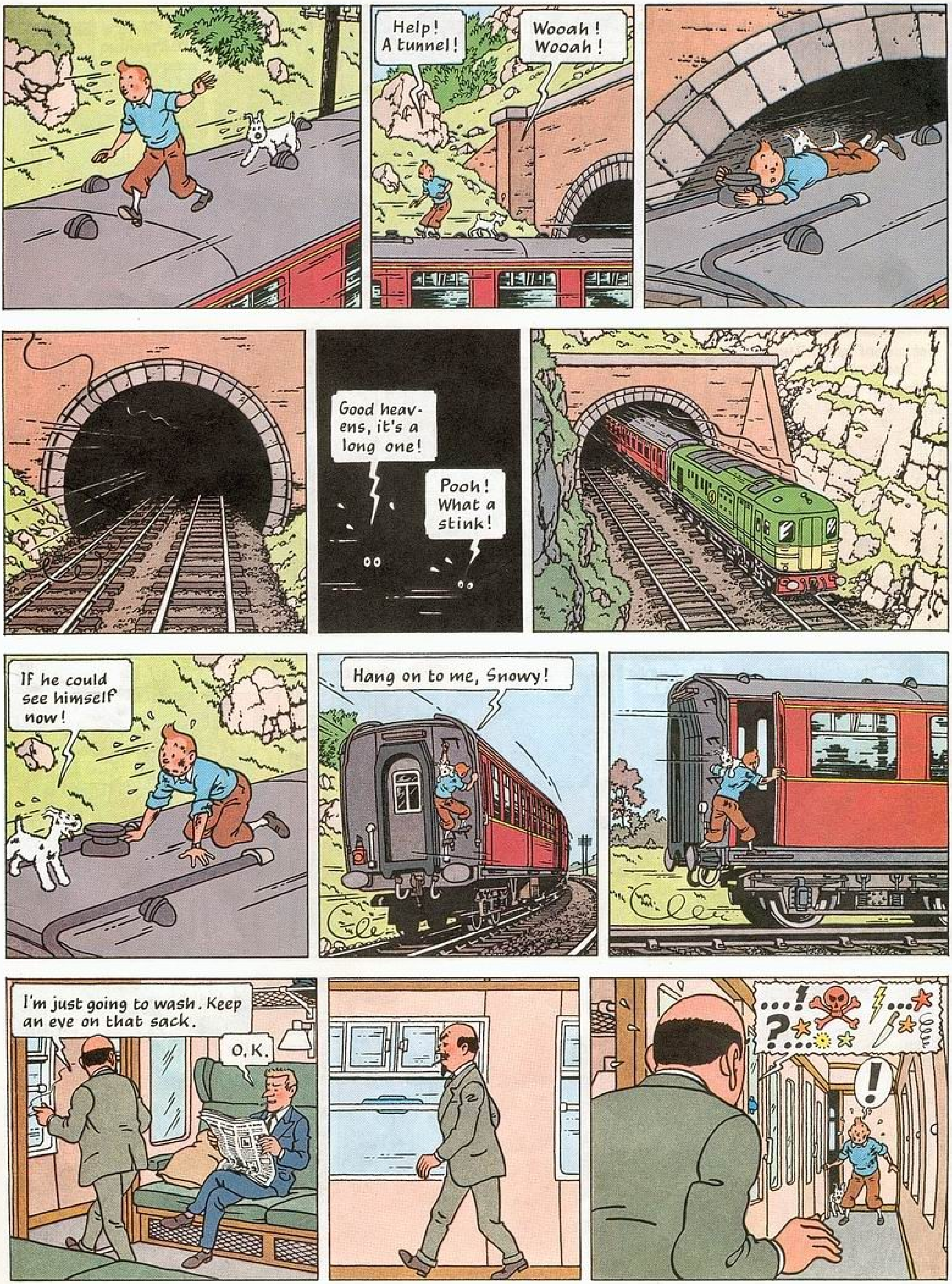
He'll go flat on his face again! Just watch!
Come on, Snowy!
I made it - this time!


Help! A tunnel!
Wooah! Wooah!
Good heavens, it's a long one!
Pooh! What a stink!
If he could see himself now!
Hang on to me, Snowy!
I'm just going to wash. Keep an eye on that sack.
O.K.
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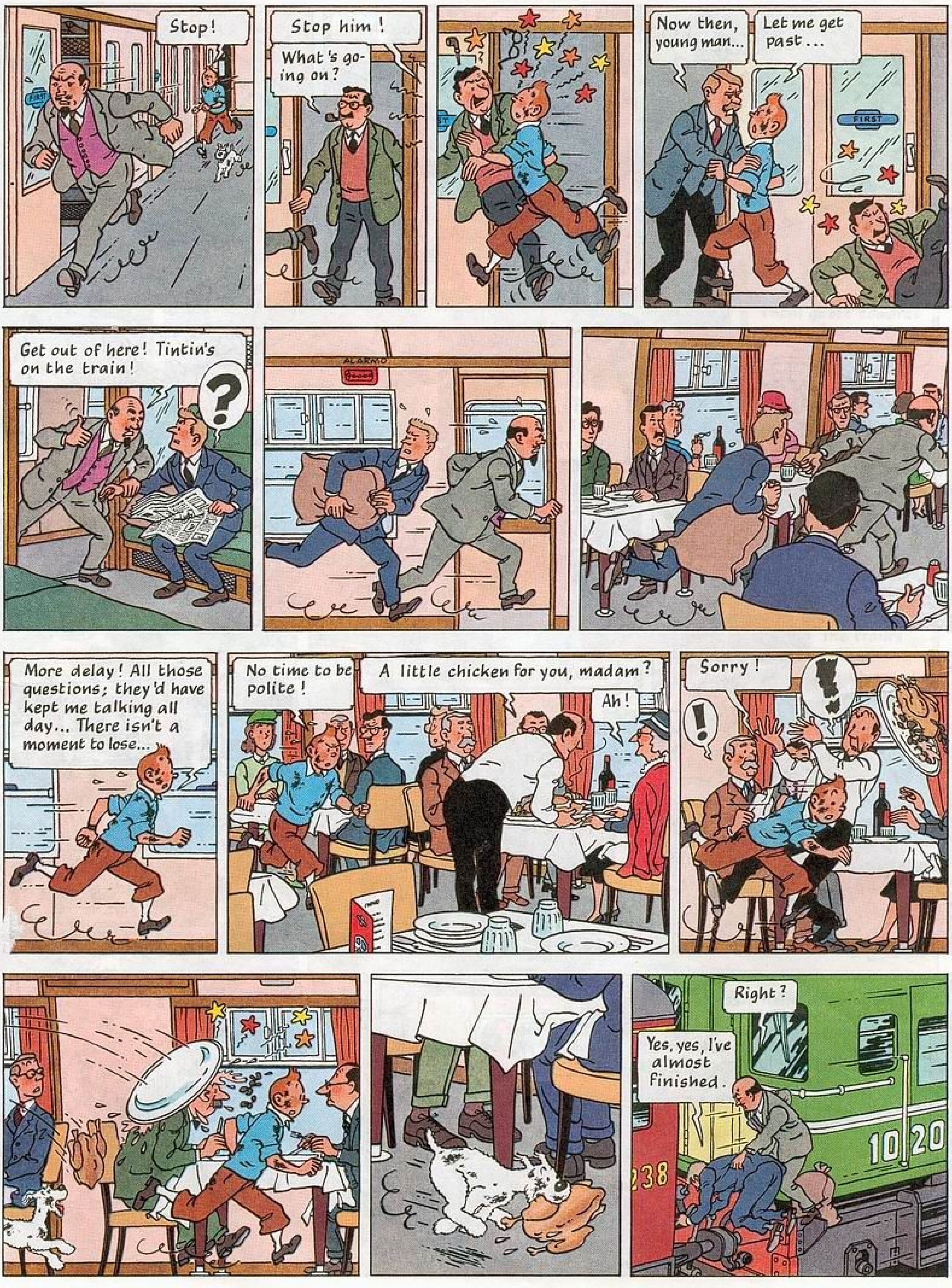
Stop!
Stop him!
What's going on?
Now then, young man...
Let me get past...
FIRST
Get out of here! Tintin's on the train!
?
ALARMO
More delay! All those questions; they'd have kept me talking all day... There isn't a moment to lose...
No time to be polite!
A little chicken for you, madam?
Ah!
Sorry!
!
Right?
Yes, yes, I've almost finished.
10 20
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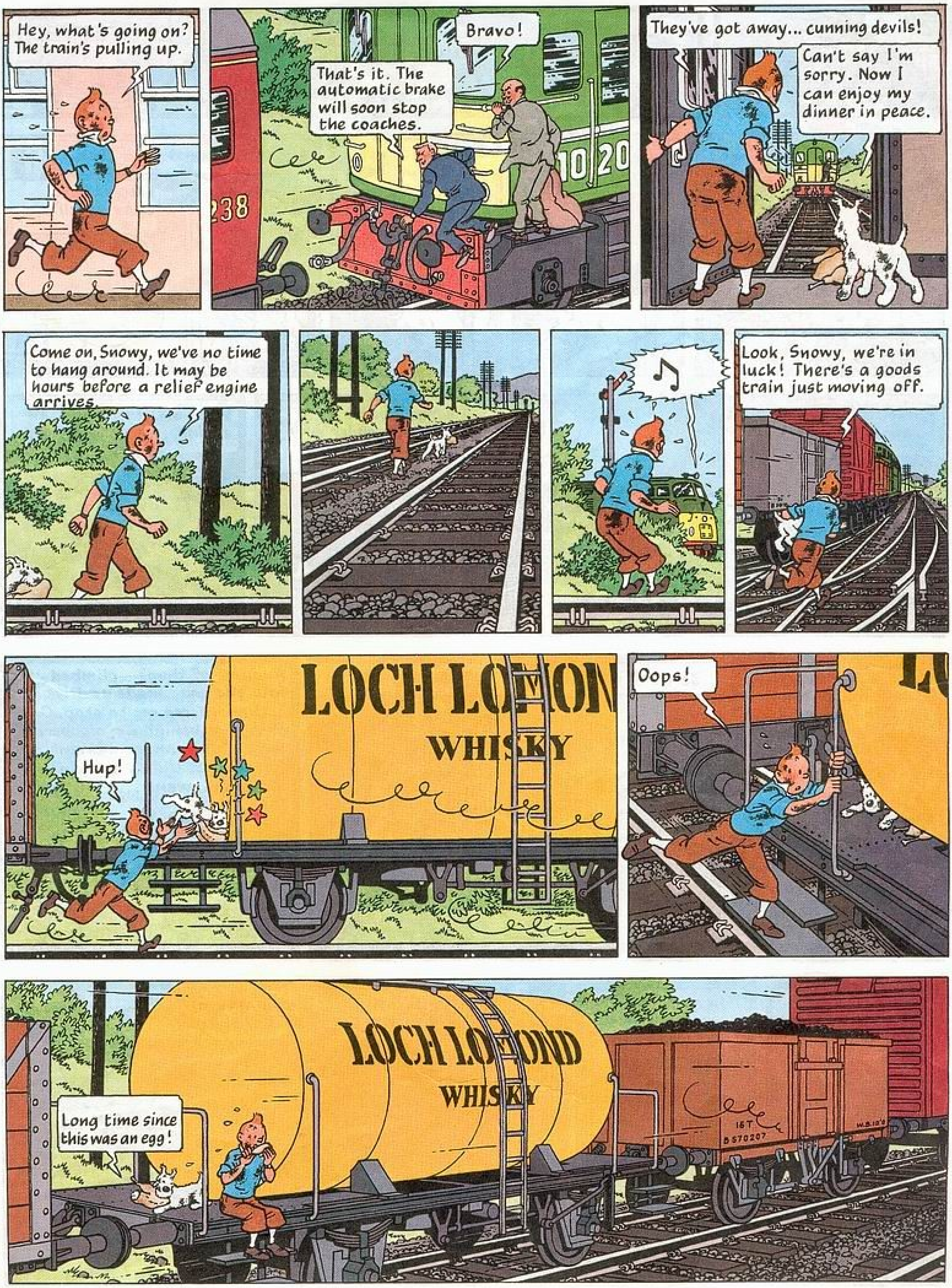
Hey, what's going on? The train's pulling up.
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Bravo!
That's it. The automatic brake will soon stop the coaches.
10 20
They've got away... cunning devils!
Can't say I'm sorry. Now I can enjoy my dinner in peace.
Come on, Snowy, we've no time to hang around. It may be hours before a relief engine arrives.
♪
Look, Snowy, we're in luck! There's a goods train just moving off.
LOCH LOMOND
WHISKY
Hup!
Oops!
LOCH LOMOND
WHISKY
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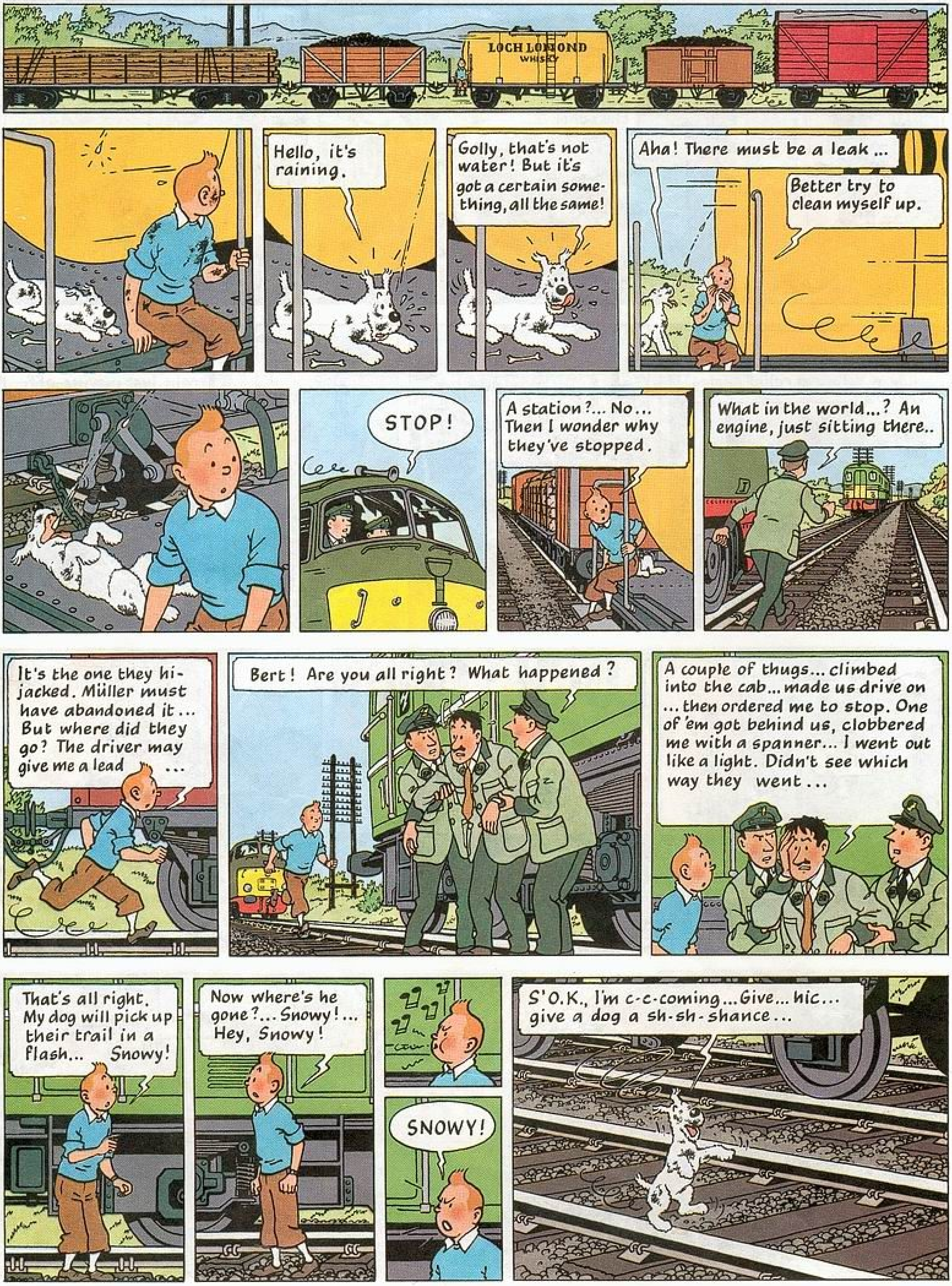
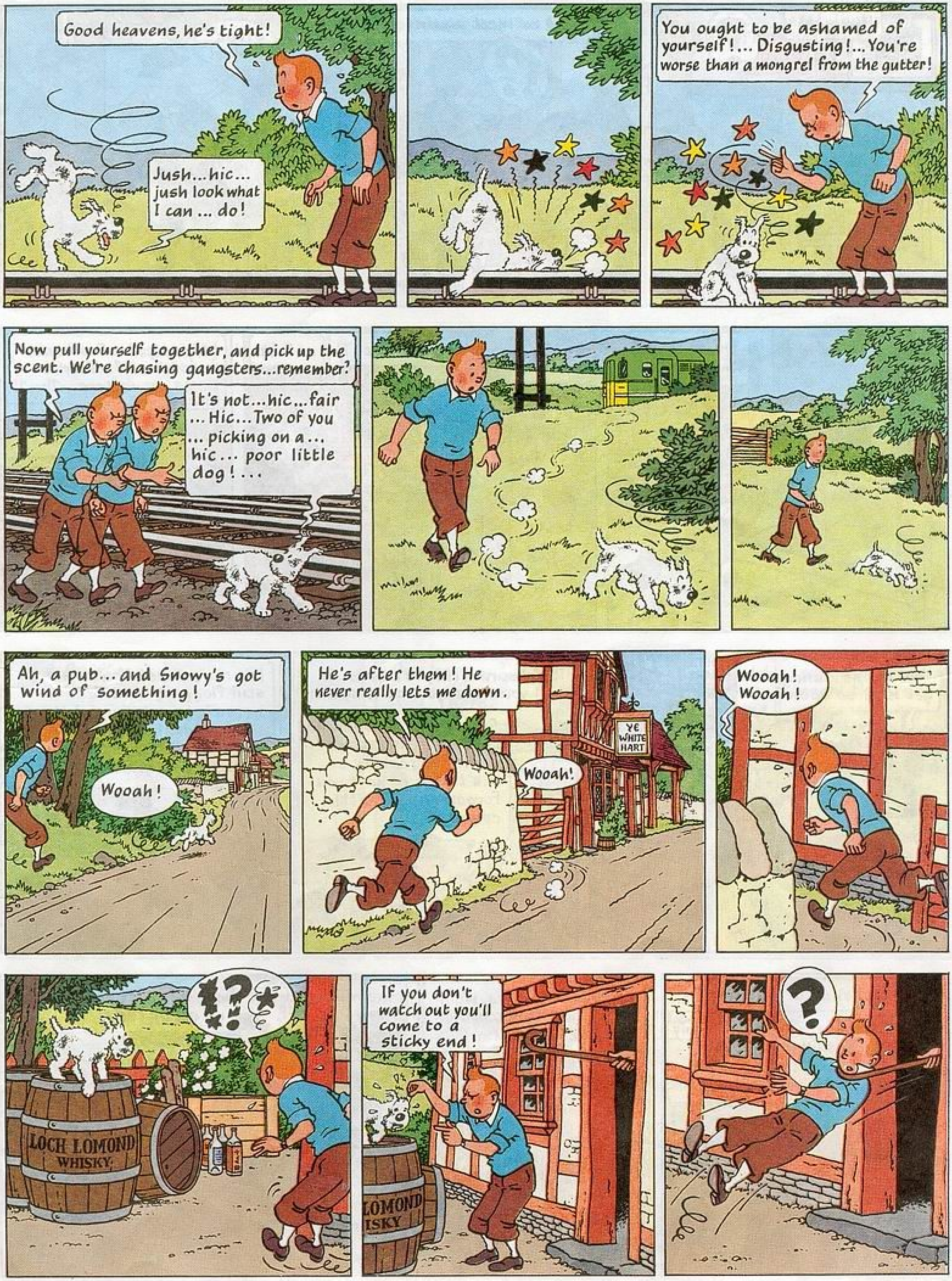
B 570207
Long time since this was an egg!


LOCH LOMOND
WHISKY
Hello, it's raining.
Golly, that's not water! But it's got a certain something, all the same!
Aha! There must be a leak ...
Better try to clean myself up.
STOP!
A station?... No... Then I wonder why they've stopped.
What in the world...? An engine, just sitting there..
It's the one they hijacked. Müller must have abandoned it... But where did they go? The driver may give me a lead ...
Bert! Are you all right? What happened?
A couple of thugs... climbed into the cab... made us drive on ... then ordered me to stop. One of 'em got behind us, clobbered me with a spanner... I went out like a light. Didn't see which way they went...
That's all right. My dog will pick up their trail in a flash... Snowy!
Now where's he gone?... Snowy!... Hey, Snowy!
SNOWY!
S'O.K., I'm c-c-coming... Give... hic... give a dog a sh-sh-shance...


Good heavens, he's tight!
Jush...hic... jush look what I can ... do!
You ought to be ashamed of yourself!... Disgusting!... You're worse than a mongrel from the gutter!
Now pull yourself together, and pick up the scent. We're chasing gangsters...remember?
It's not...hic...fair ... Hic... Two of you ... picking on a... hic ... poor little dog! ...
Ah, a pub... and Snowy's got wind of something!
Wooah!
He's after them! He never really lets me down.
YE WHITE HART
Wooah!
Wooah! Wooah!
!?
LOCH LOMOND WHISKY
If you don't watch out you'll come to a sticky end!
LOMOND ISKY
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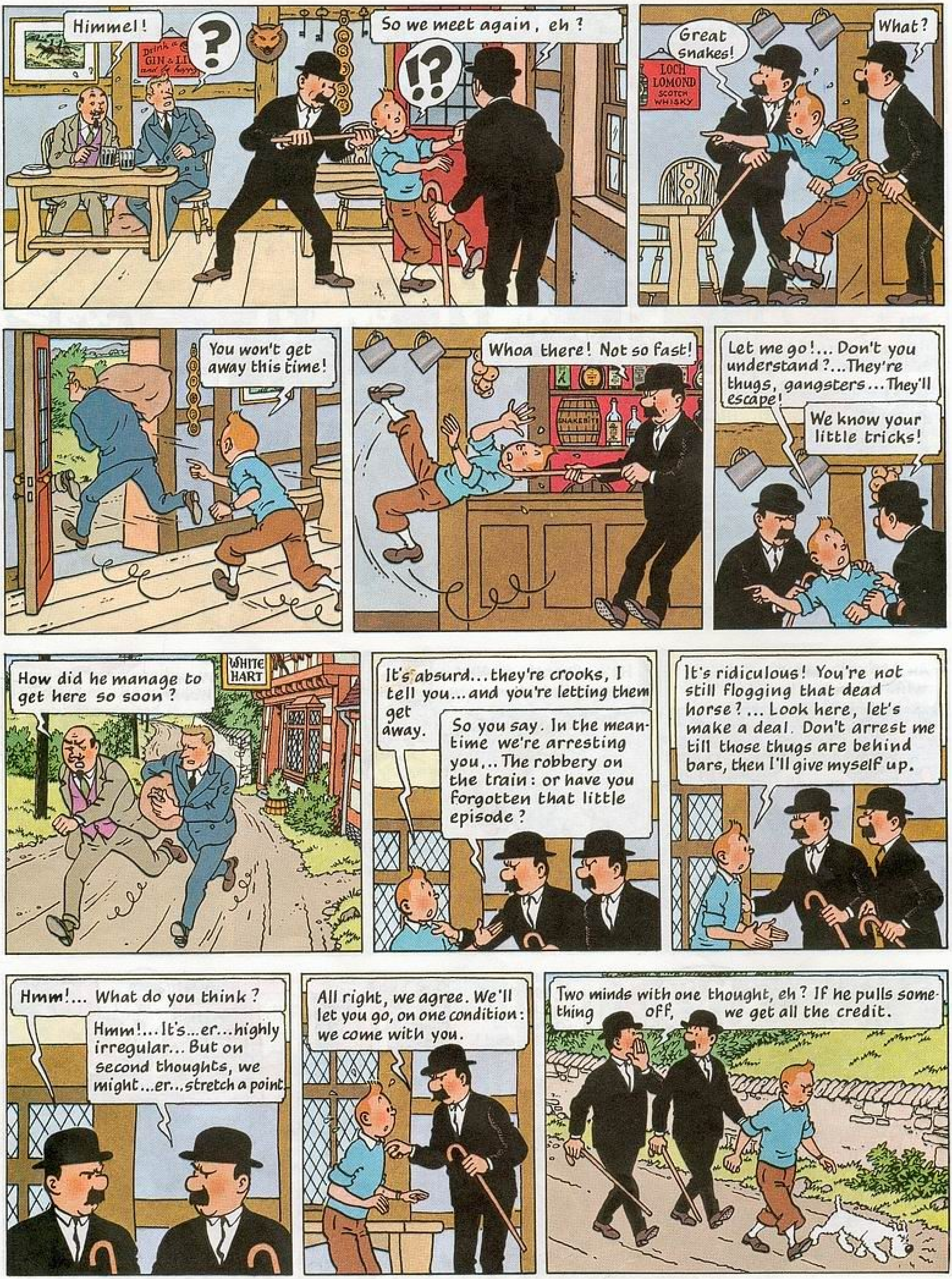
Himmel!
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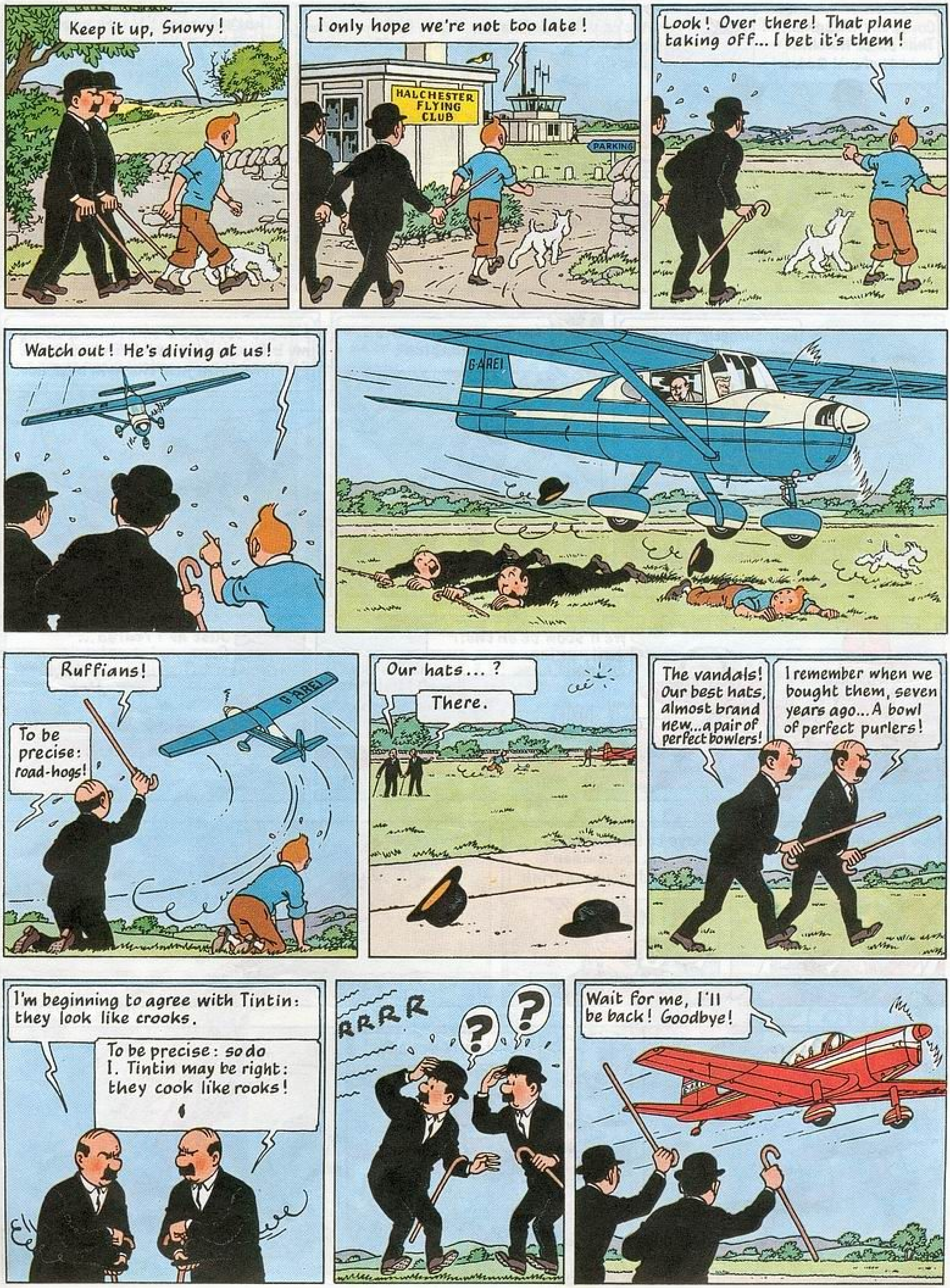
Drink a ... GIN & LI...
So we meet again, eh?
!?
Great snakes!
LOCH LOMOND SCOTCH WHISKY
What?
You won't get away this time!
Whoa there! Not so fast!
SNAKEBITE
Let me go!... Don't you understand?...They're thugs, gangsters... They'll escape!
We know your little tricks!
WHITE HART
How did he manage to get here so soon?
It's absurd...they're crooks, I tell you...and you're letting them get away.
So you say. In the meantime we're arresting you... The robbery on the train: or have you forgotten that little episode?
It's ridiculous! You're not still flogging that dead horse?... Look here, let's make a deal. Don't arrest me till those thugs are behind bars, then I'll give myself up.
Hmm!... What do you think?
Hmm!... It's...er...highly irregular... But on second thoughts, we might...er...stretch a point.
All right, we agree. We'll let you go, on one condition: we come with you.
Two minds with one thought, eh? If he pulls something off, we get all the credit.


Keep it up, Snowy!
I only hope we're not too late!
HALCHESTER FLYING CLUB
PARKING
Look! Over there! That plane taking off... I bet it's them!
Watch out! He's diving at us!
G-AREI
Ruffians!
To be precise: road-hogs!
G-AREI
Our hats...?
There.
The vandals! Our best hats, almost brand new... a pair of perfect bowlers!
I remember when we bought them, seven years ago... A bowl of perfect purlers!
I'm beginning to agree with Tintin: they look like crooks.
To be precise: so do I. Tintin may be right: they cook like rooks!
RRRR
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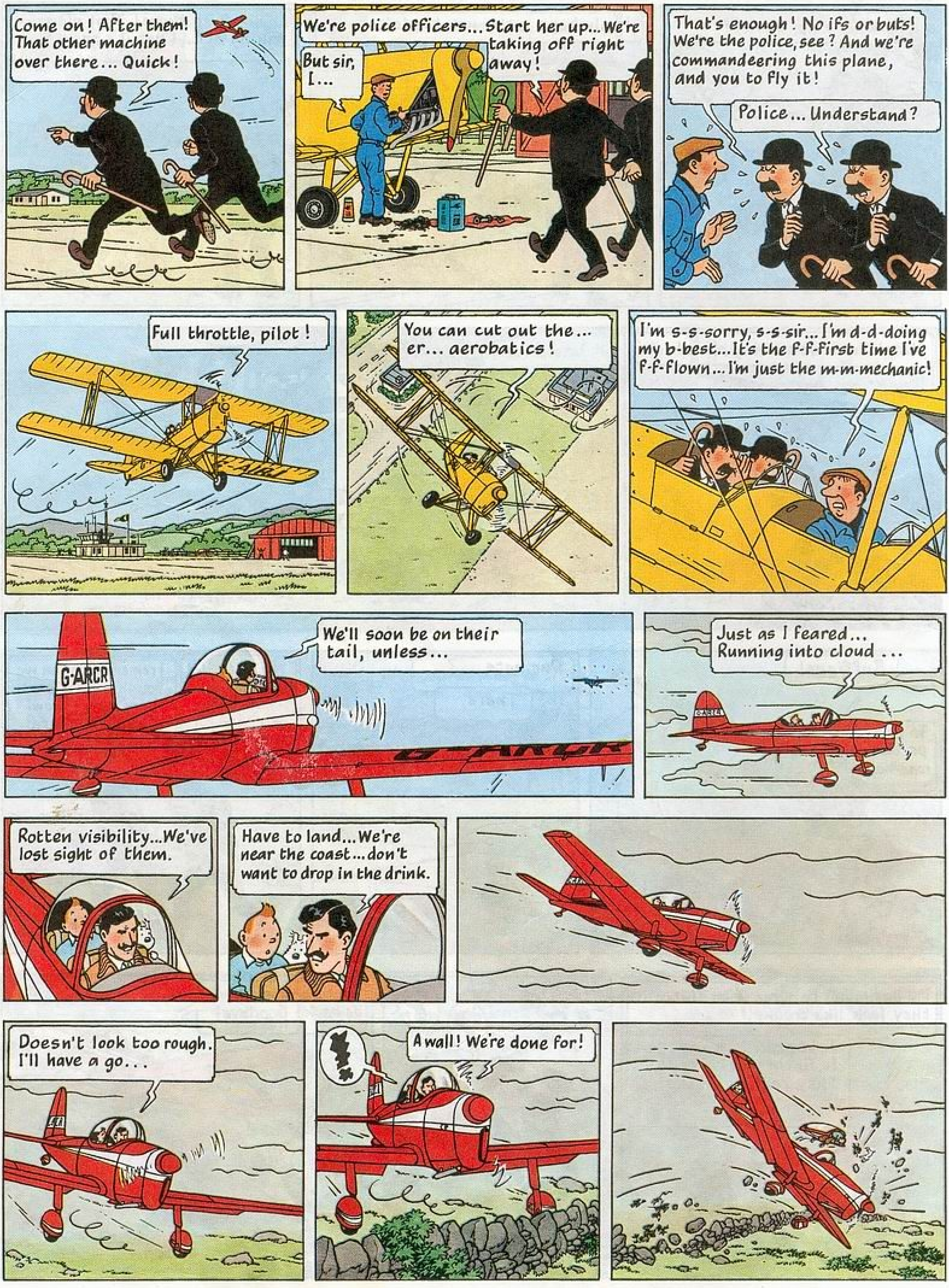
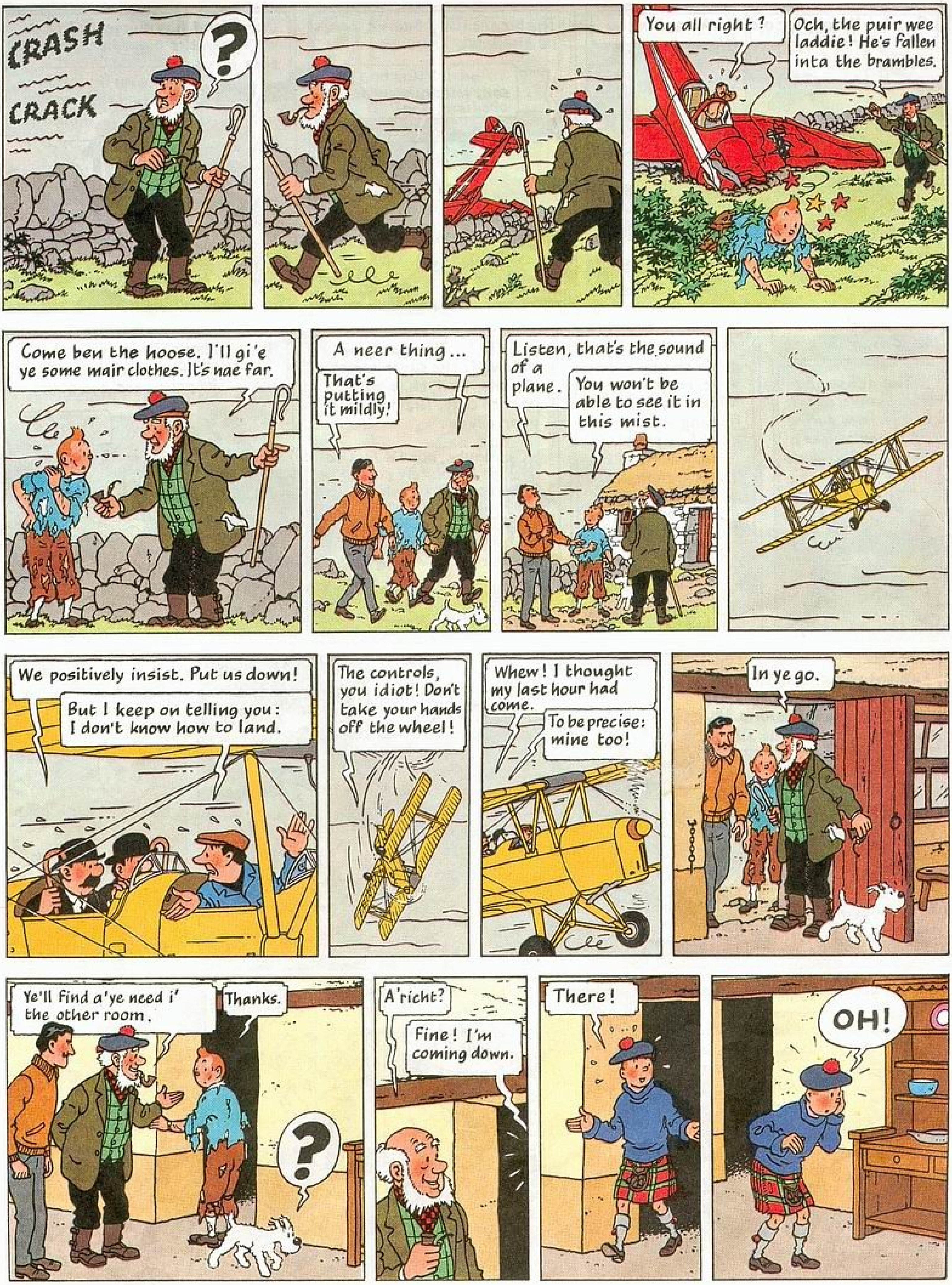
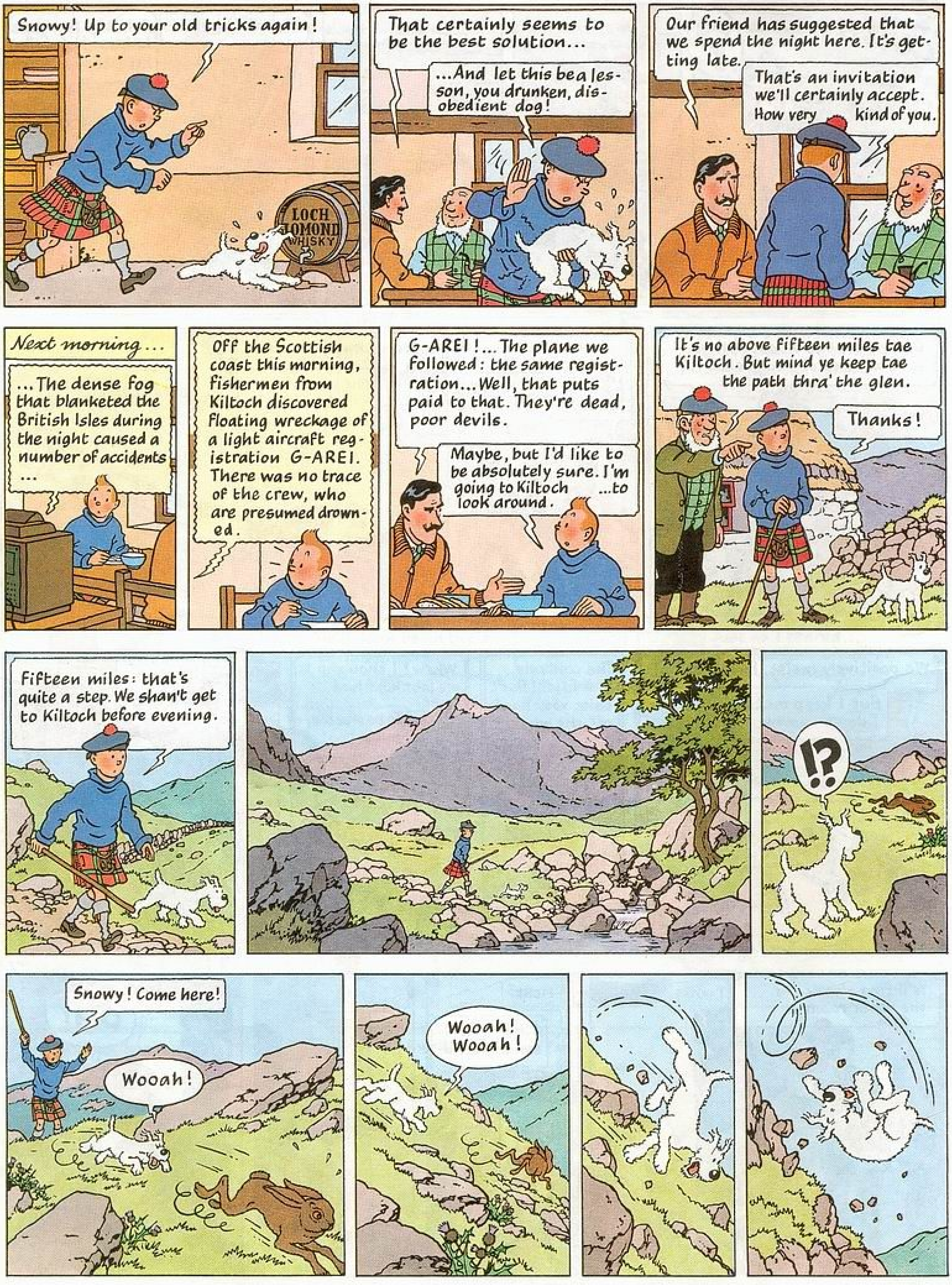
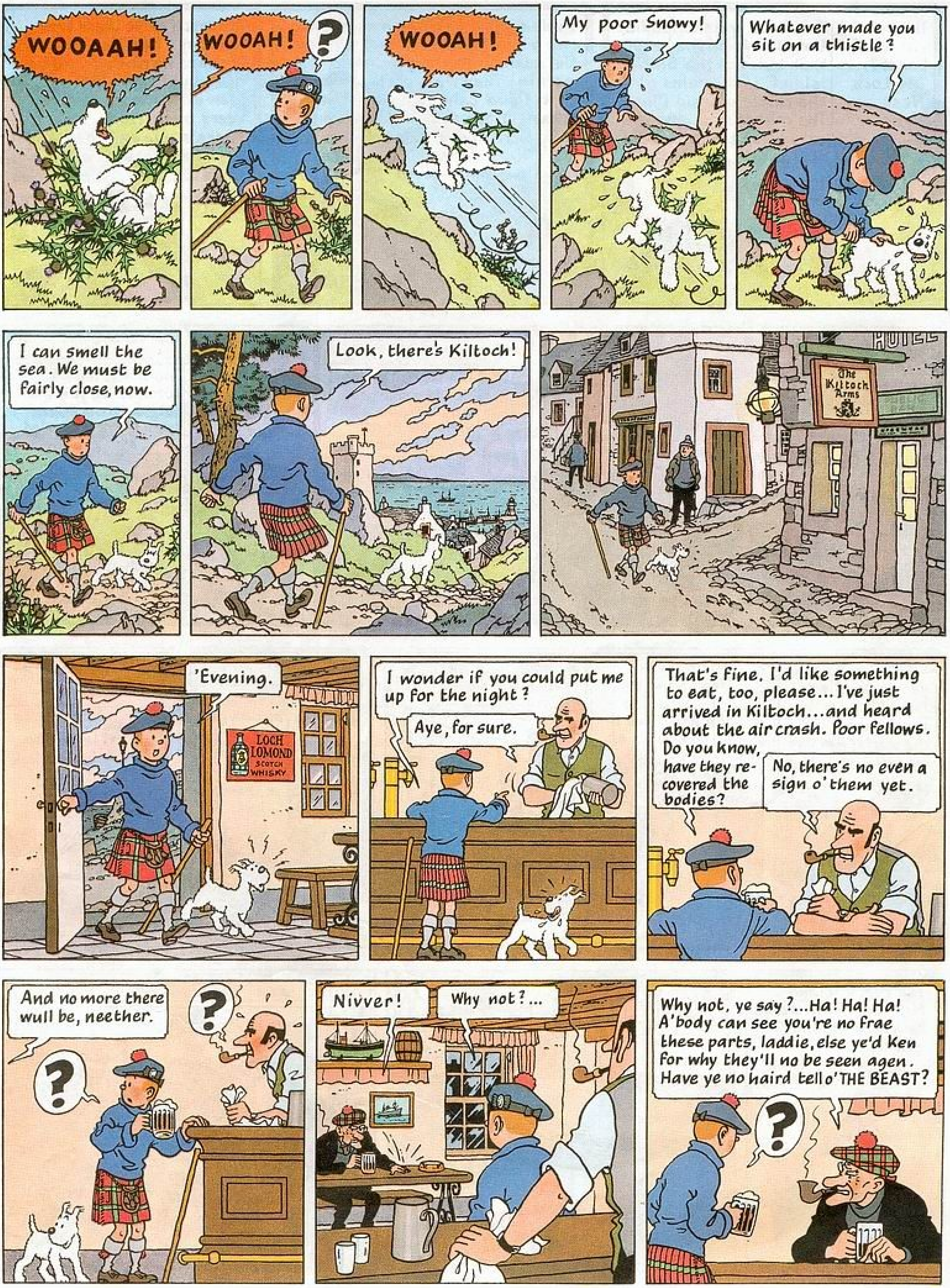
?
Wait for me, I'll be back! Goodbye!


Come on! After them! That other machine over there... Quick!
We're police officers... Start her up... We're taking off right away!
But sir, I...
That's enough! No ifs or buts! We're the police, see? And we're commandeering this plane, and you to fly it!
Police... Understand?
Full throttle, pilot!
G-ARIJ
You can cut out the... er... aerobatics!
I'm s-s-sorry, s-s-sir... I'm d-d-doing my b-best... It's the f-f-first time I've f-f-flown... I'm just the m-m-mechanic!
G-ARCR
We'll soon be on their tail, unless...
G-ARCR
Just as I feared... Running into cloud...
Rotten visibility... We've lost sight of them.
Have to land... We're near the coast... don't want to drop in the drink.
Doesn't look too rough. I'll have a go...
A wall! We're done for!


CRASH
CRACK
?
You all right?
Och, the puir wee laddie! He's fallen inta the brambles.
Come ben the hoose. I'll gi'e ye some mair clothes. It's nae far.
A neer thing ...
That's putting it mildly!
Listen, that's the sound of a plane.
You won't be able to see it in this mist.
We positively insist. Put us down!
But I keep on telling you: I don't know how to land.
The controls, you idiot! Don't take your hands off the wheel!
Whew! I thought my last hour had come.
To be precise: mine too!
In ye go.
Ye'll find a'ye need i' the other room.
Thanks.
?
A'richt?
Fine! I'm coming down.
There!
OH!


Snowy! Up to your old tricks again!
LOCH LOMOND WHISKY
That certainly seems to be the best solution...
...And let this be a lesson, you drunken, disobedient dog!
Our friend has suggested that we spend the night here. It's getting late.
That's an invitation we'll certainly accept. How very kind of you.
Next morning...
...The dense fog that blanketed the British Isles during the night caused a number of accidents ...
Off the Scottish coast this morning, fishermen from Kiltoch discovered floating wreckage of a light aircraft registration G-AREI. There was no trace of the crew, who are presumed drowned.
G-AREI!... The plane we followed: the same registration... Well, that puts paid to that. They're dead, poor devils.
Maybe, but I'd like to be absolutely sure. I'm going to Kiltoch ...to look around.
It's no above fifteen miles tae Kiltoch. But mind ye keep tae the path thra' the glen.
Thanks!
Fifteen miles: that's quite a step. We shan't get to Kiltoch before evening.
!?
Snowy! Come here!
Wooah!
Wooah! Wooah!


WOOAAH!
WOOAH!
?
WOOAH!
My poor Snowy!
Whatever made you sit on a thistle?
I can smell the sea. We must be fairly close, now.
Look, there's Kiltoch!
HOTEL
The Kiltoch Arms
'Evening.
LOCH LOMOND SCOTCH WHISKY
I wonder if you could put me up for the night?
Aye, for sure.
That's fine. I'd like something to eat, too, please... I've just arrived in Kiltoch... and heard about the air crash. Poor fellows. Do you know, have they recovered the bodies?
No, there's no even a sign o' them yet.
And no more there wull be, neether.
?
?
Nivver!
Why not?...
Why not, ye say?...Ha! Ha! Ha! A'body can see you're no frae these parts, laddie, else ye'd ken for why they'll no be seen agen. Have ye no haird tell o' THE BEAST?
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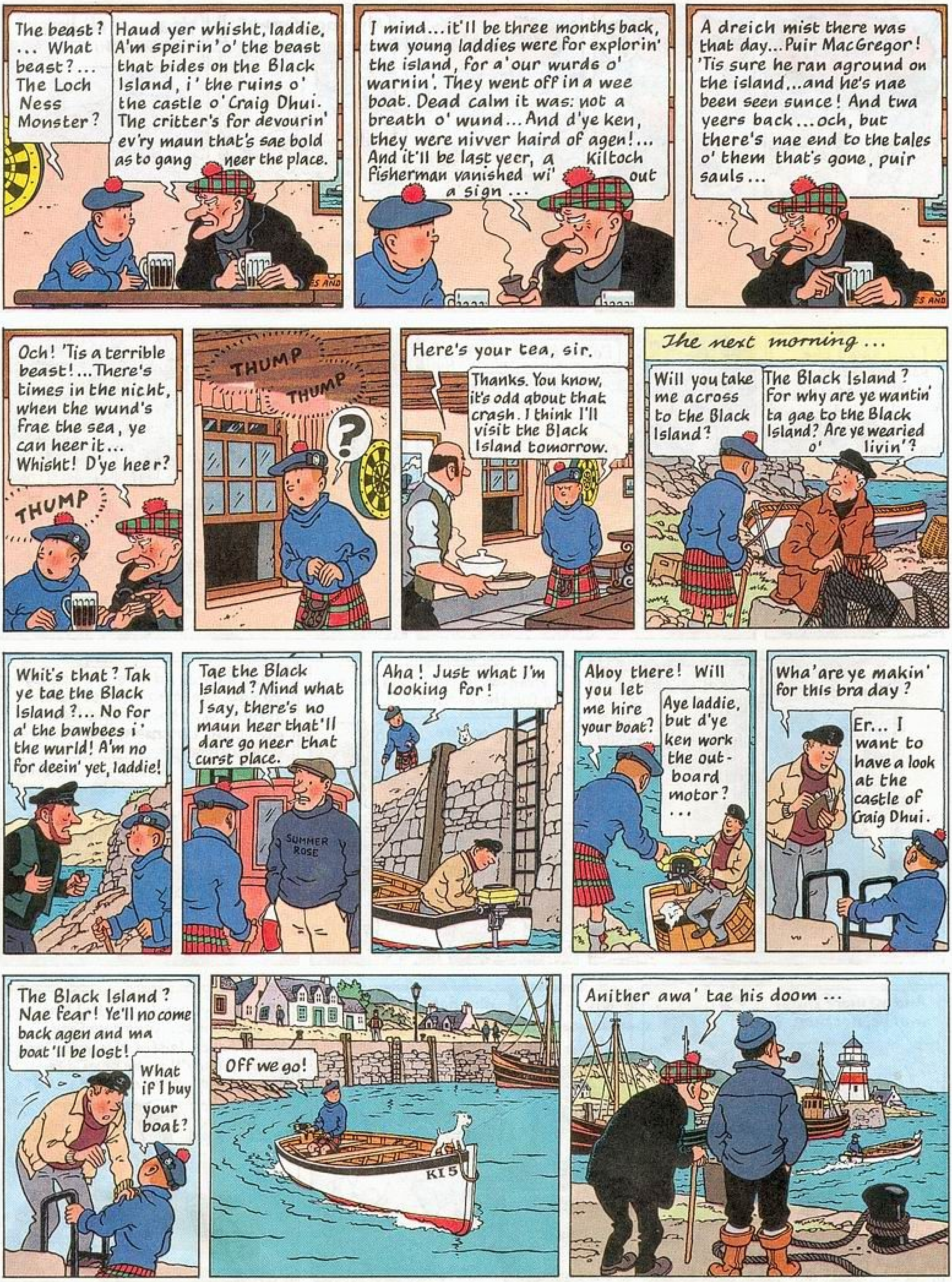
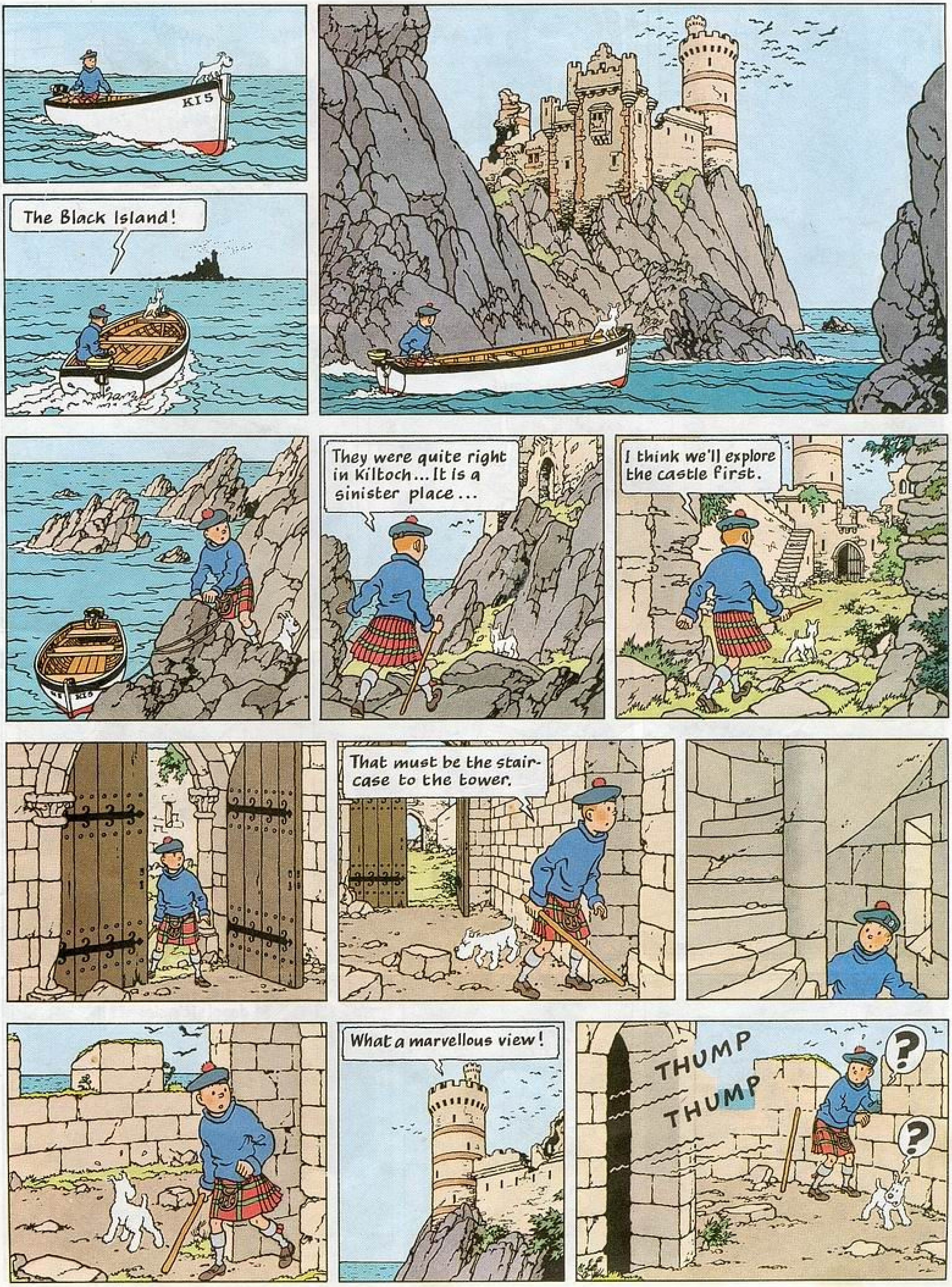

The beast? ... What beast?... The Loch Ness Monster?
Haud yer whisht, laddie, A'm speirin' o' the beast that bides on the Black Island, i' the ruins o' the castle o' Craig Dhui. The critter's for devourin' ev'ry maun that's sae bold as to gang neer the place.
I mind... it'll be three months back, twa young laddies were for explorin' the island, for a' our wurds o' warnin'. They went off in a wee boat. Dead calm it was: not a breath o' wund... And d'ye ken, they were nivver haird of agen!... And it'll be last yeer, a Kiltoch fisherman vanished wi'out a sign...
A dreich mist there was that day... Puir MacGregor! 'Tis sure he ran aground on the island... and he's nae been seen sunce! And twa yeers back... och, but there's nae end to the tales o' them that's gone, puir sauls...
Och! 'Tis a terrible beast!... There's times in the nicht, when the wund's frae the sea, ye can heer it... Whisht! D'ye heer?
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
?
Here's your tea, sir.
Thanks. You know, it's odd about that crash. I think I'll visit the Black Island tomorrow.
The next morning...
Will you take me across to the Black Island?
The Black Island? For why are ye wantin' ta gae to the Black Island? Are ye wearied o' livin'?
Whit's that? Tak ye tae the Black Island?... No for a' the bawbees i' the wurld! A'm no for deein' yet, laddie!
Tae the Black Island? Mind what I say, there's no maun heer that'll dare go neer that curst place.
SUMMER ROSE
Aha! Just what I'm looking for!
Ahoy there! Will you let me hire your boat?
Aye laddie, but d'ye ken work the out-board motor? ...
Wha'are ye makin' for this bra day?
Er... I want to have a look at the castle of Craig Dhui.
The Black Island? Nae fear! Ye'll no come back agen and ma boat'll be lost!
What if I buy your boat?
Off we go!
KI 5
Anither awa' tae his doom...


KI 5
The Black Island!
They were quite right in Kiltoch... It is a sinister place...
I think we'll explore the castle first.
That must be the stair-case to the tower.
What a marvellous view!
THUMP
THUMP
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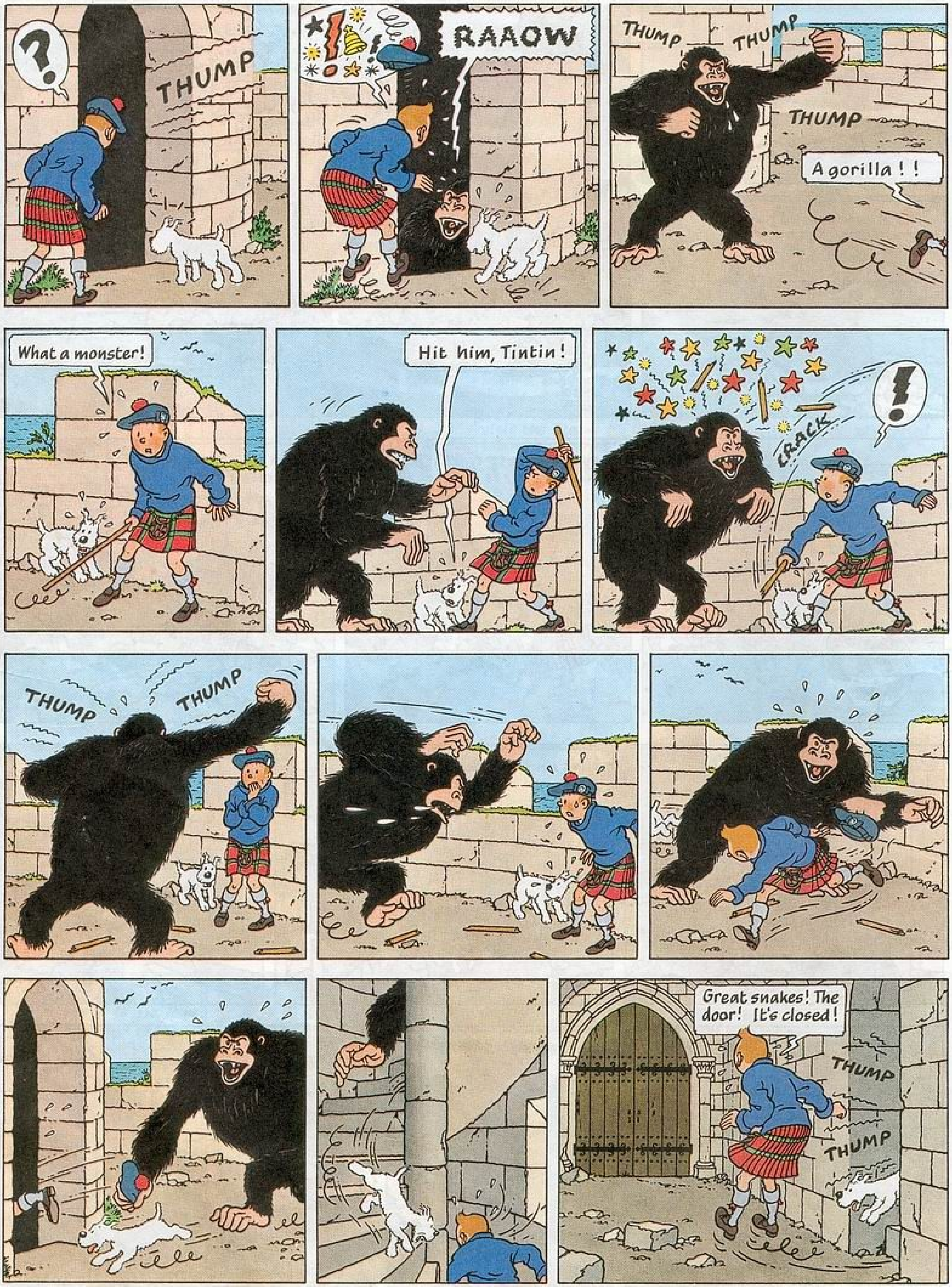
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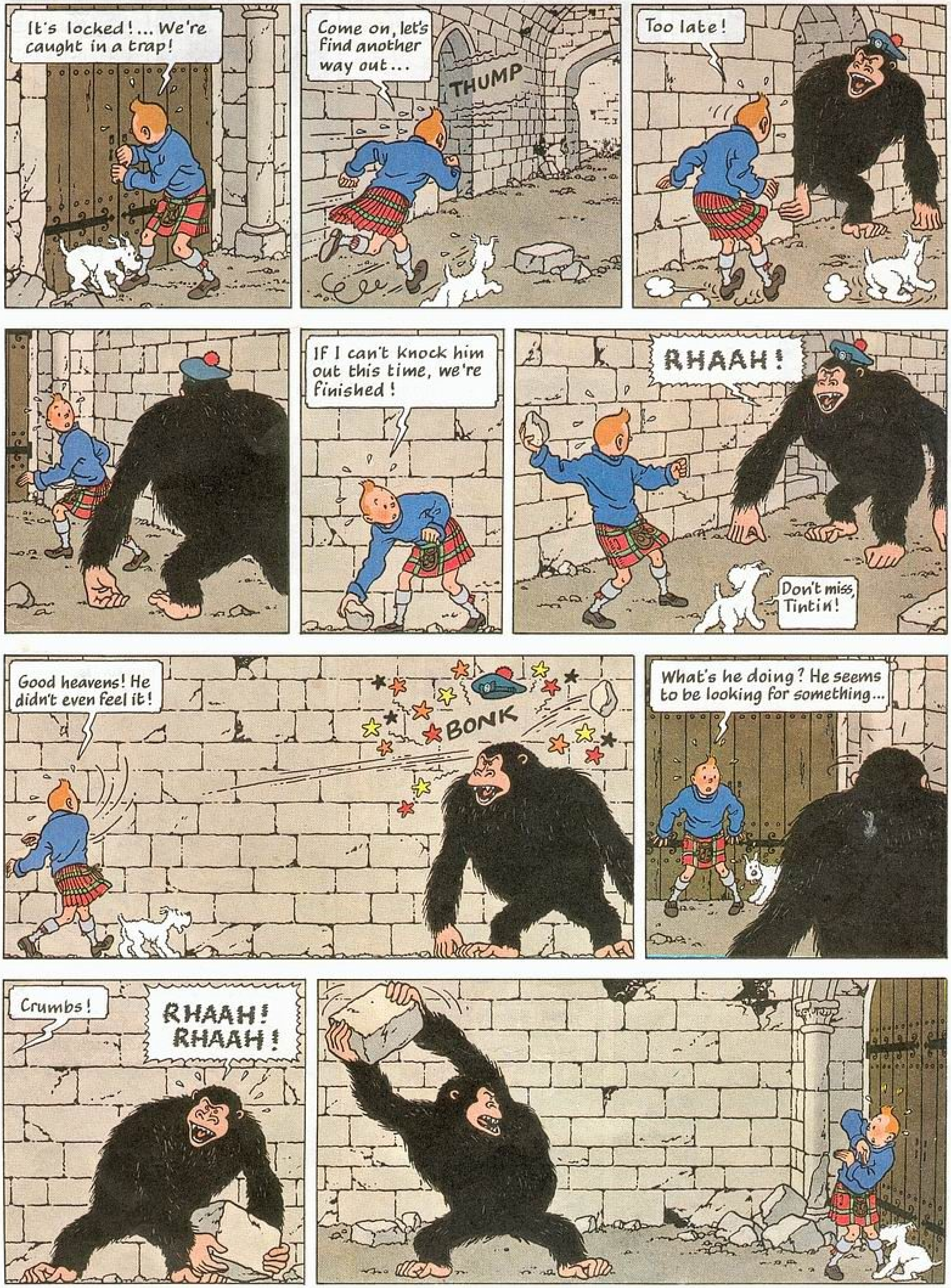
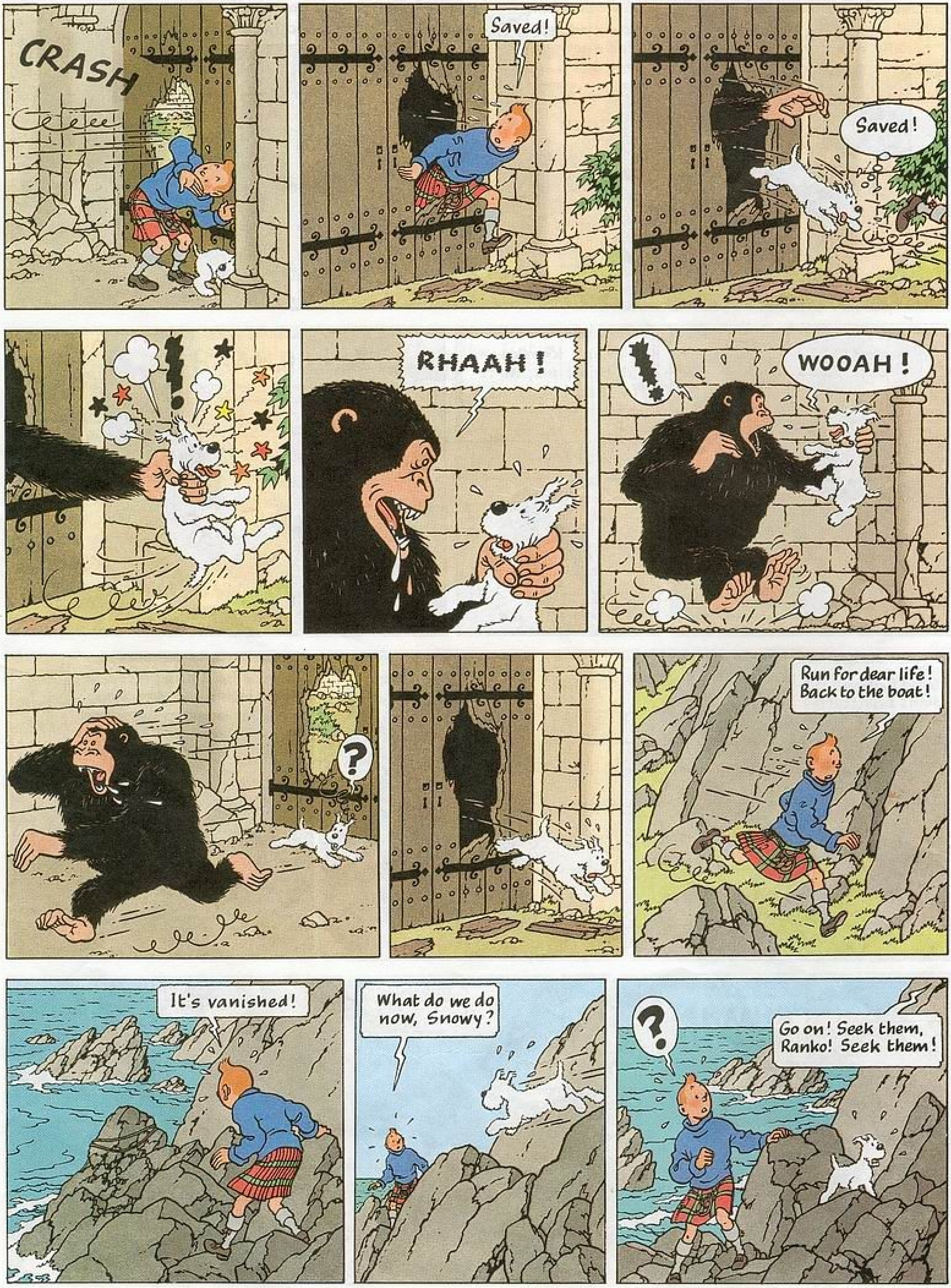
THUMP
RAAOW
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
A gorilla ! !
What a monster!
Hit him, Tintin!
CRACK
!
THUMP
THUMP
Great snakes! The door! It's closed!
THUMP
THUMP


It's locked!... We're caught in a trap!
Come on, let's find another way out...
THUMP
Too late!
If I can't knock him out this time, we're finished!
RHAAH!
Don't miss, Tintin!
Good heavens! He didn't even feel it!
BONK
What's he doing? He seems to be looking for something...
Crumbs!
RHAAH! RHAAH!


CRASH
Saved!
Saved!
RHAAH!
WOOAH!
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Run for dear life! Back to the boat!
It's vanished!
What do we do now, Snowy?
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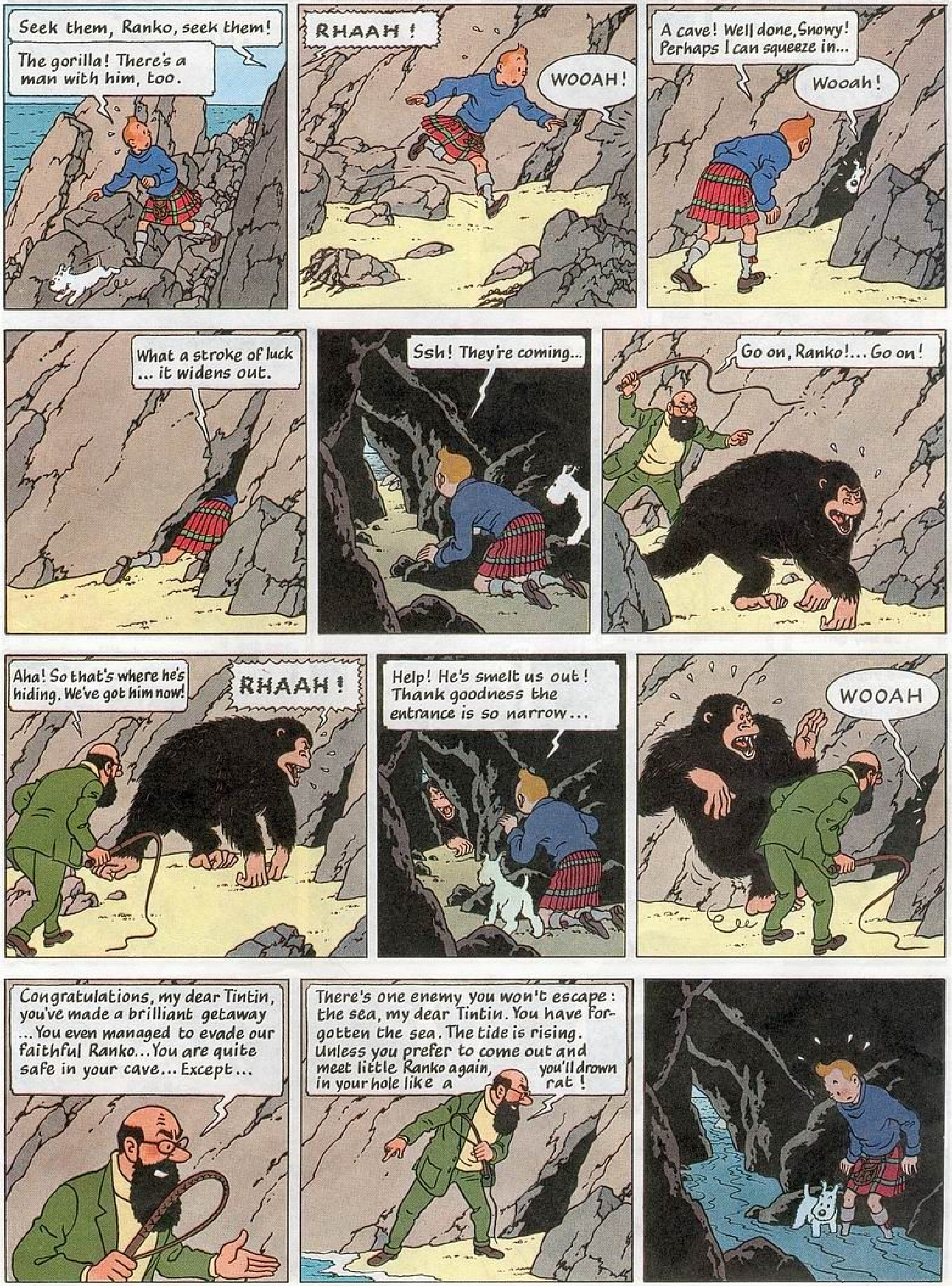
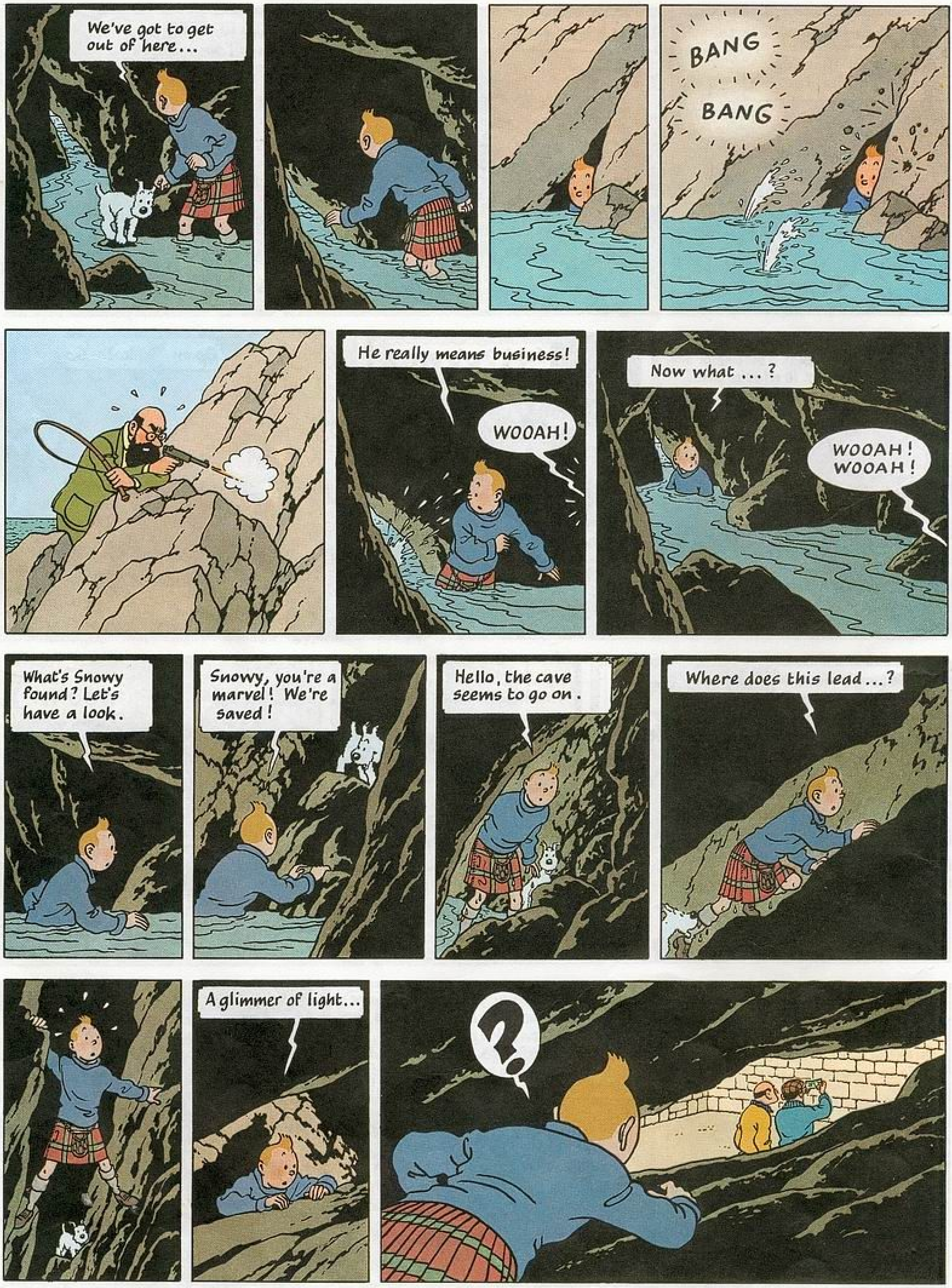
Go on! Seek them, Ranko! Seek them!


Seek them, Ranko, seek them!
The gorilla! There's a man with him, too.
RHAAH!
WOOAH!
A cave! Well done, Snowy! Perhaps I can squeeze in...
Wooah!
What a stroke of luck ... it widens out.
Ssh! They're coming...
Go on, Ranko!... Go on!
Aha! So that's where he's hiding. We've got him now!
RHAAH!
Help! He's smelt us out! Thank goodness the entrance is so narrow...
WOOAH
Congratulations, my dear Tintin, you've made a brilliant getaway ... You even managed to evade our faithful Ranko... You are quite safe in your cave... Except...
There's one enemy you won't escape: the sea, my dear Tintin. You have forgotten the sea. The tide is rising. Unless you prefer to come out and meet little Ranko again, you'll drown in your hole like a rat!


We've got to get out of here...
BANG
BANG
He really means business!
WOOAH!
Now what ...?
WOOAH! WOOAH!
What's Snowy found? Let's have a look.
Snowy, you're a marvel! We're saved!
Hello, the cave seems to go on.
Where does this lead...?
A glimmer of light...
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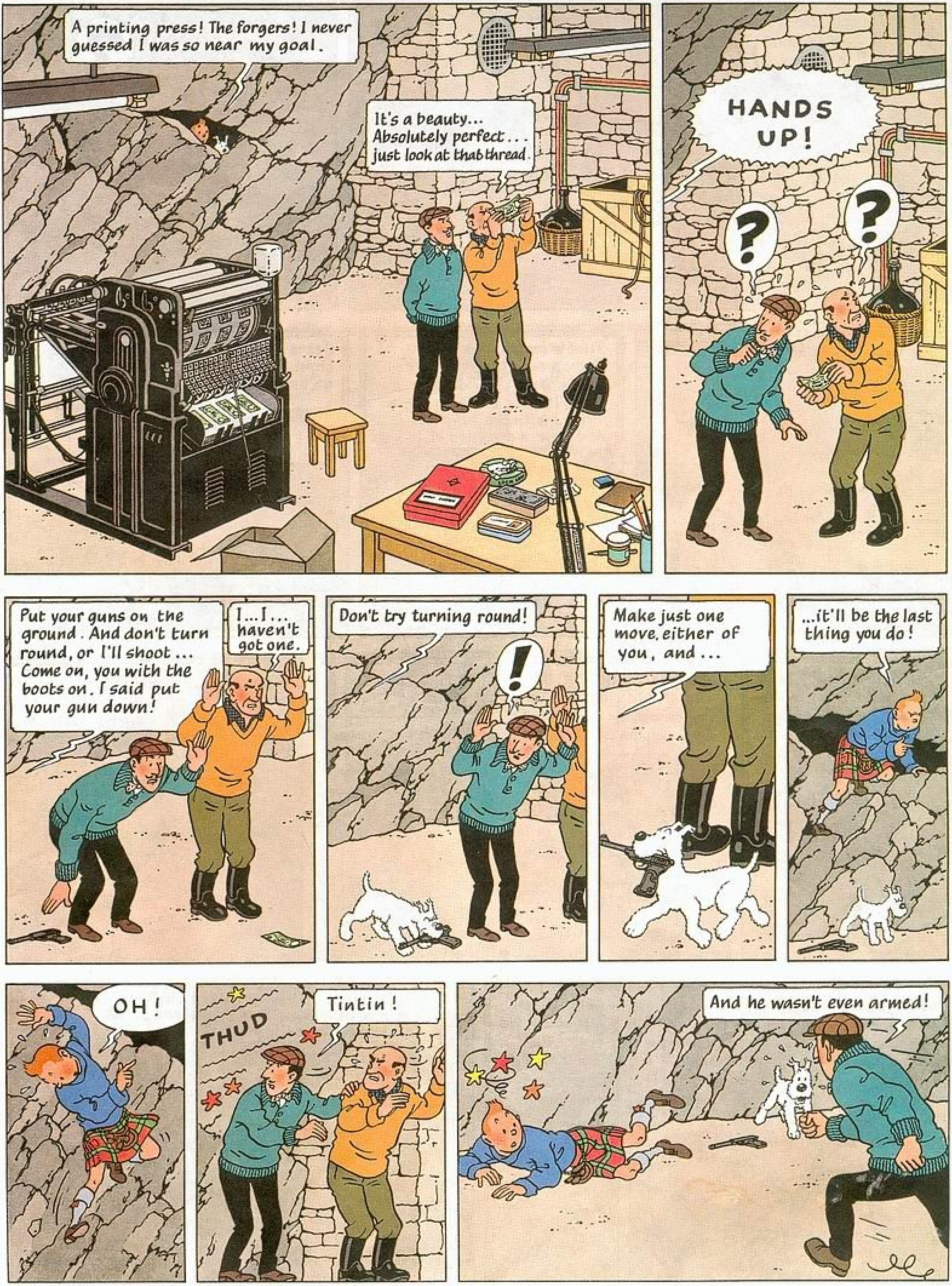
A printing press! The forgers! I never guessed I was so near my goal.
It's a beauty... Absolutely perfect... just look at that thread.
HANDS UP!
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?
Put your guns on the ground. And don't turn round, or I'll shoot... Come on, you with the boots on. I said put your gun down!
I... I... haven't got one.
Don't try turning round!
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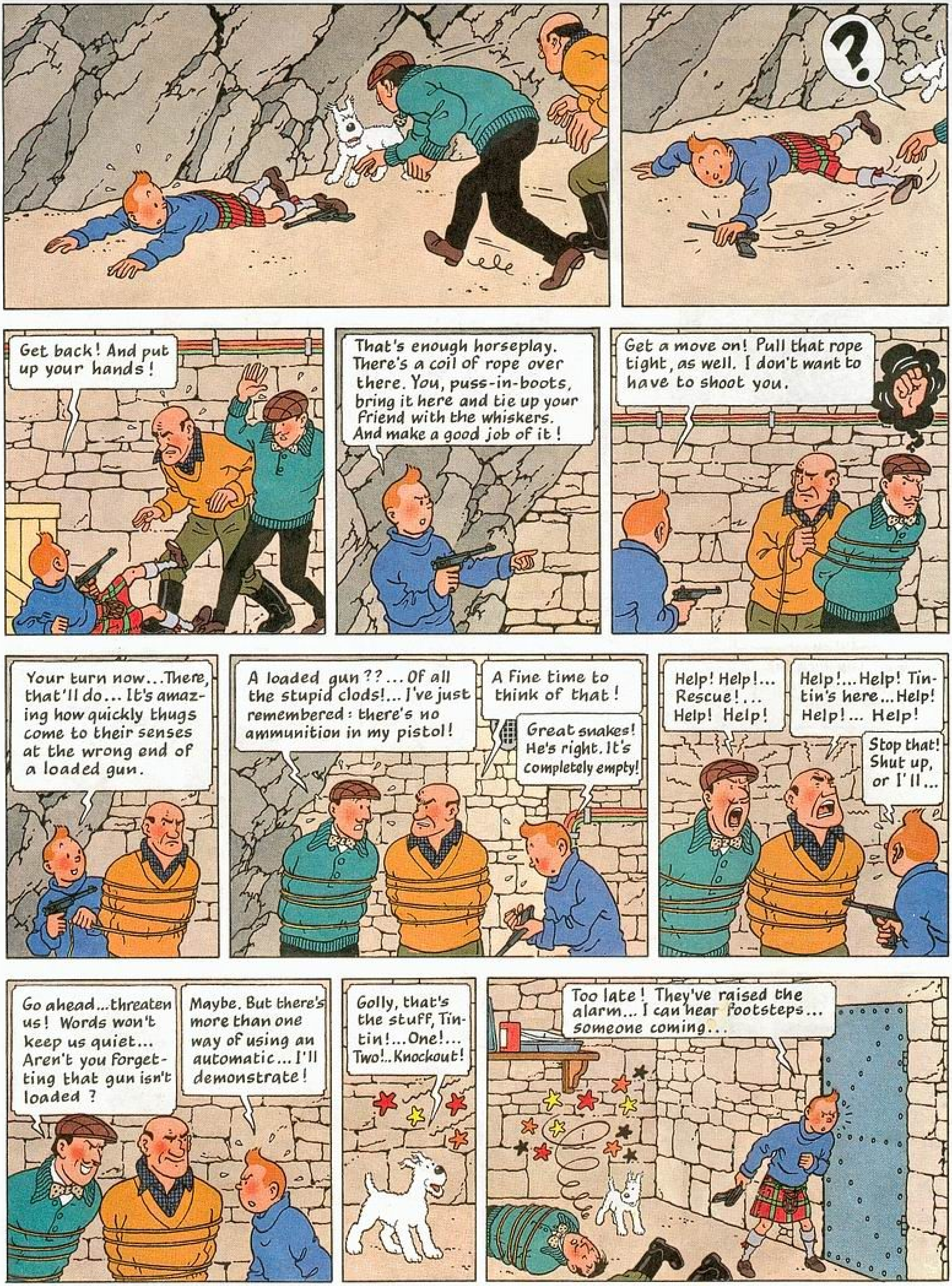
Make just one move, either of you, and...
...it'll be the last thing you do!
OH!
THUD
Tintin!
And he wasn't even armed!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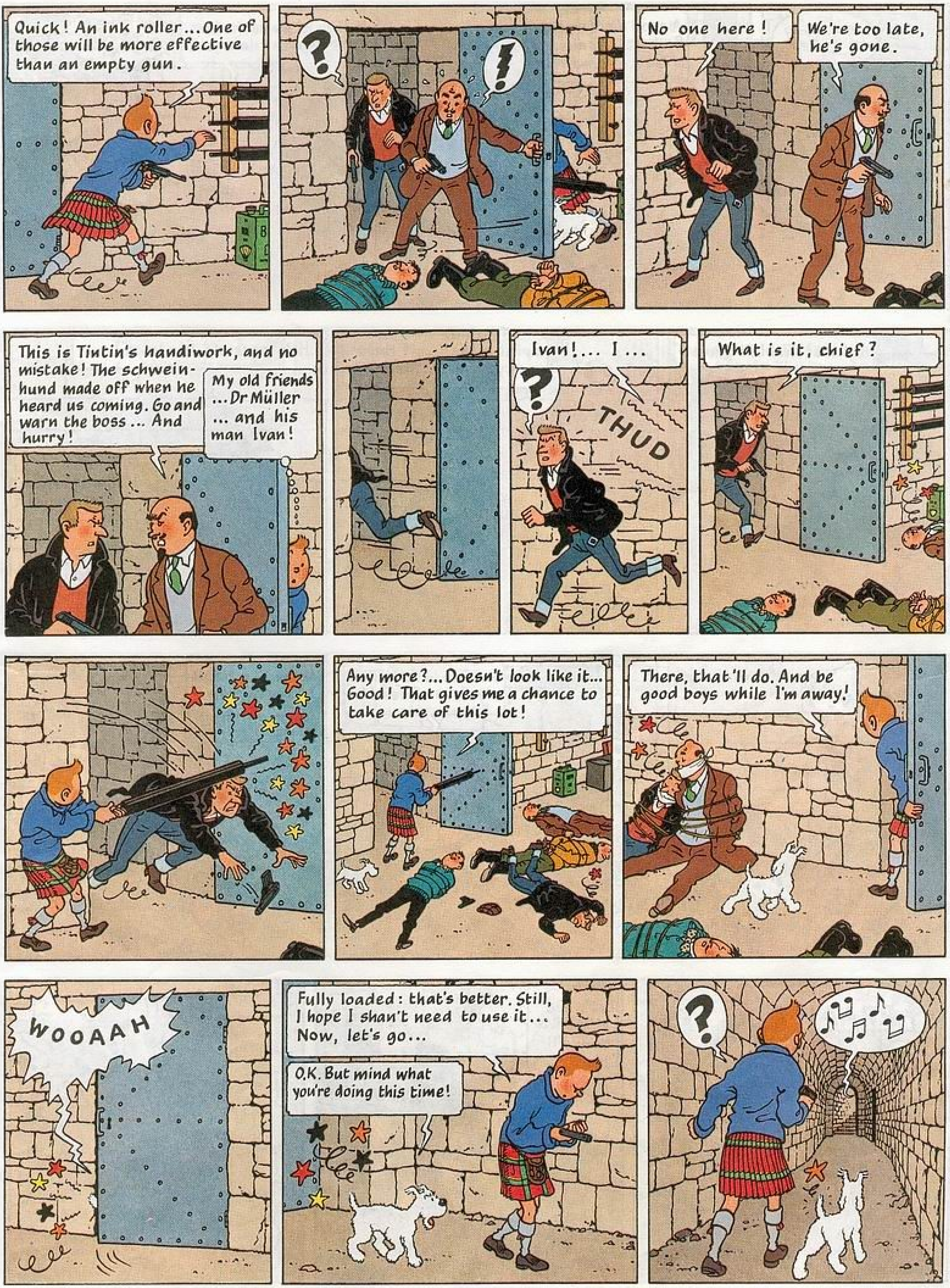
Get back! And put up your hands!
That's enough horseplay. There's a coil of rope over there. You, puss-in-boots, bring it here and tie up your friend with the whiskers. And make a good job of it!
Get a move on! Pull that rope tight, as well. I don't want to have to shoot you.
Your turn now... There, that'll do... It's amazing how quickly thugs come to their senses at the wrong end of a loaded gun.
A loaded gun??... Of all the stupid clods!... I've just remembered: there's no ammunition in my pistol!
A fine time to think of that!
Great snakes! He's right. It's completely empty!
Help! Help!... Rescue!... Help! Help!
Help!... Help! Tintin's here... Help! Help!... Help!
Stop that! Shut up, or I'll...
Go ahead... threaten us! Words won't keep us quiet... Aren't you forgetting that gun isn't loaded?
Maybe. But there's more than one way of using an automatic... I'll demonstrate!
Golly, that's the stuff, Tintin!... One!... Two!.. Knockout!
Too late! They've raised the alarm... I can hear footsteps... someone coming...


Quick! An ink roller... One of those will be more effective than an empty gun.
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!
No one here!
We're too late, he's gone.
This is Tintin's handiwork, and no mistake! The schweinhund made off when he heard us coming. Go and warn the boss... And hurry!
My old friends ... Dr Müller ... and his man Ivan!
Ivan!... I ...
?
THUD
What is it, chief?
Any more?... Doesn't look like it... Good! That gives me a chance to take care of this lot!
There, that'll do. And be good boys while I'm away!
WOOAAH
Fully loaded: that's better. Still, I hope I shan't need to use it... Now, let's go...
O.K. But mind what you're doing this time!
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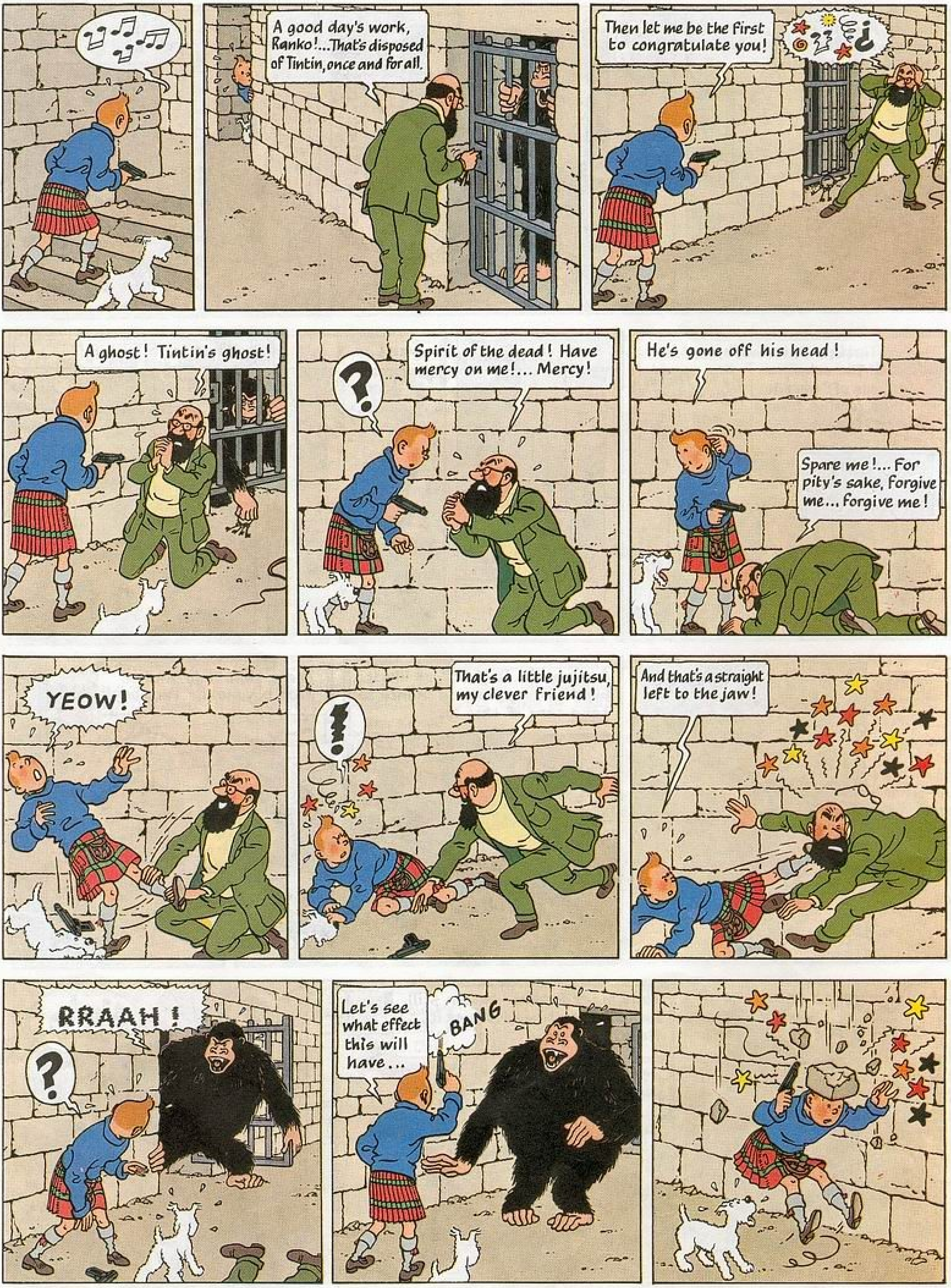
A good day's work, Ranko!...That's disposed of Tintin, once and for all.
Then let me be the first to congratulate you!
A ghost! Tintin's ghost!
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Spirit of the dead! Have mercy on me!... Mercy!
He's gone off his head!
Spare me!... For pity's sake, forgive me... forgive me!
YEOW!
!
That's a little jujitsu, my clever friend!
And that's a straight left to the jaw!
RRAAH!
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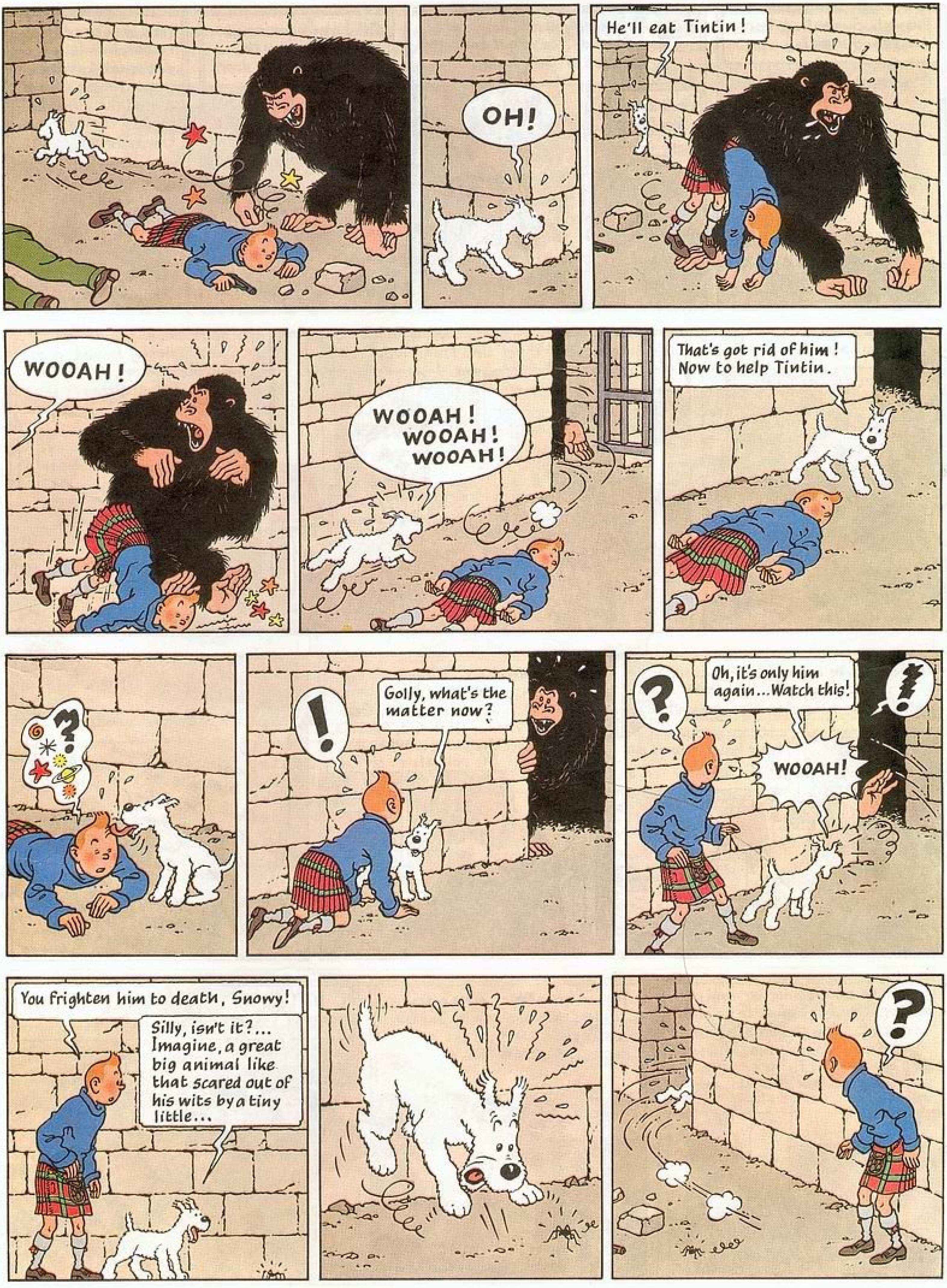
Let's see what effect this will have...
BANG


OH!
He'll eat Tintin!
WOOAH!
WOOAH! WOOAH! WOOAH!
That's got rid of him! Now to help Tintin.
?
!
Golly, what's the matter now?
?
Oh, it's only him again...Watch this!
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WOOAH!
You frighten him to death, Snowy!
Silly, isn't it?... Imagine, a great big animal like that scared out of his wits by a tiny little...
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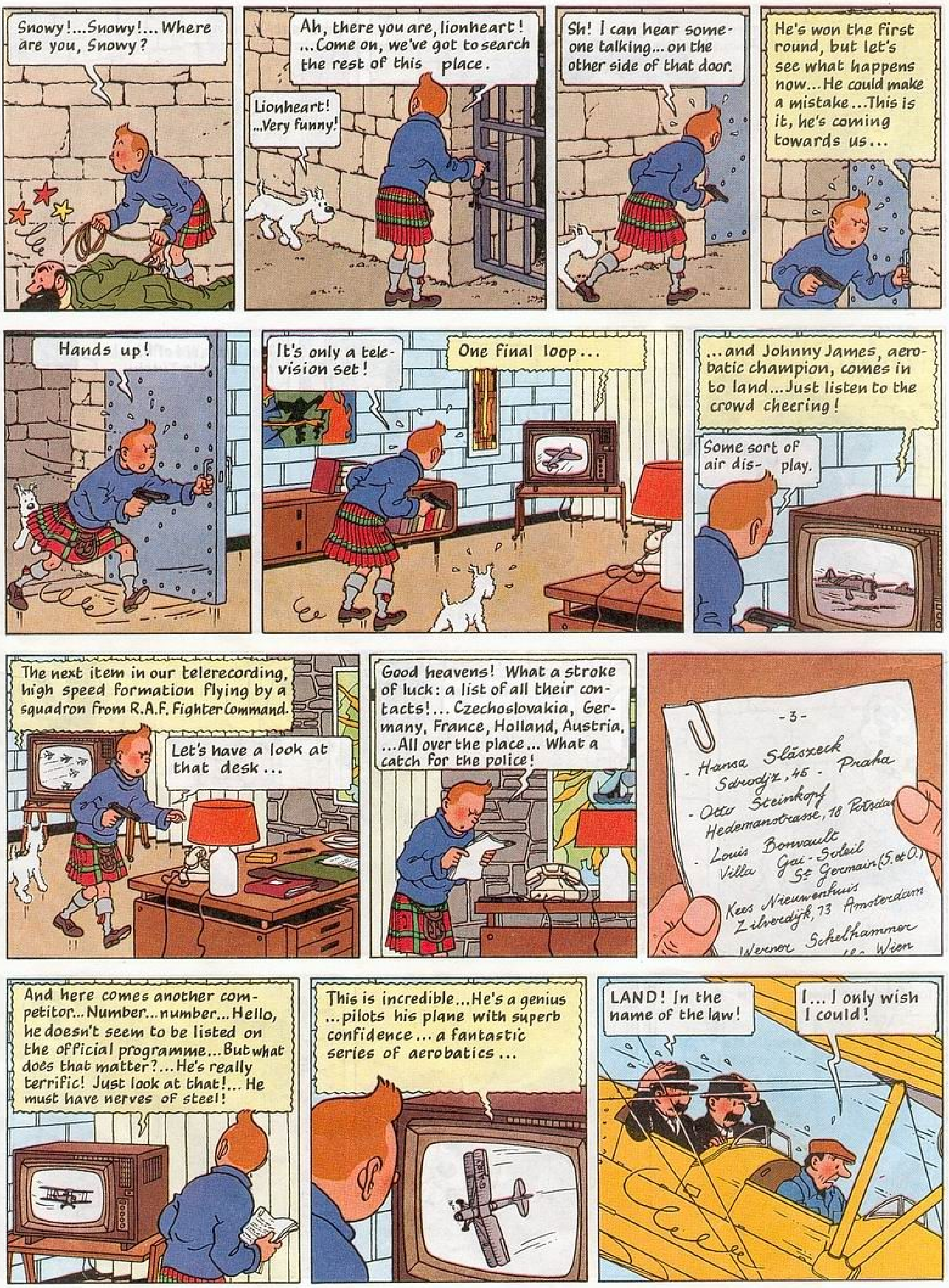
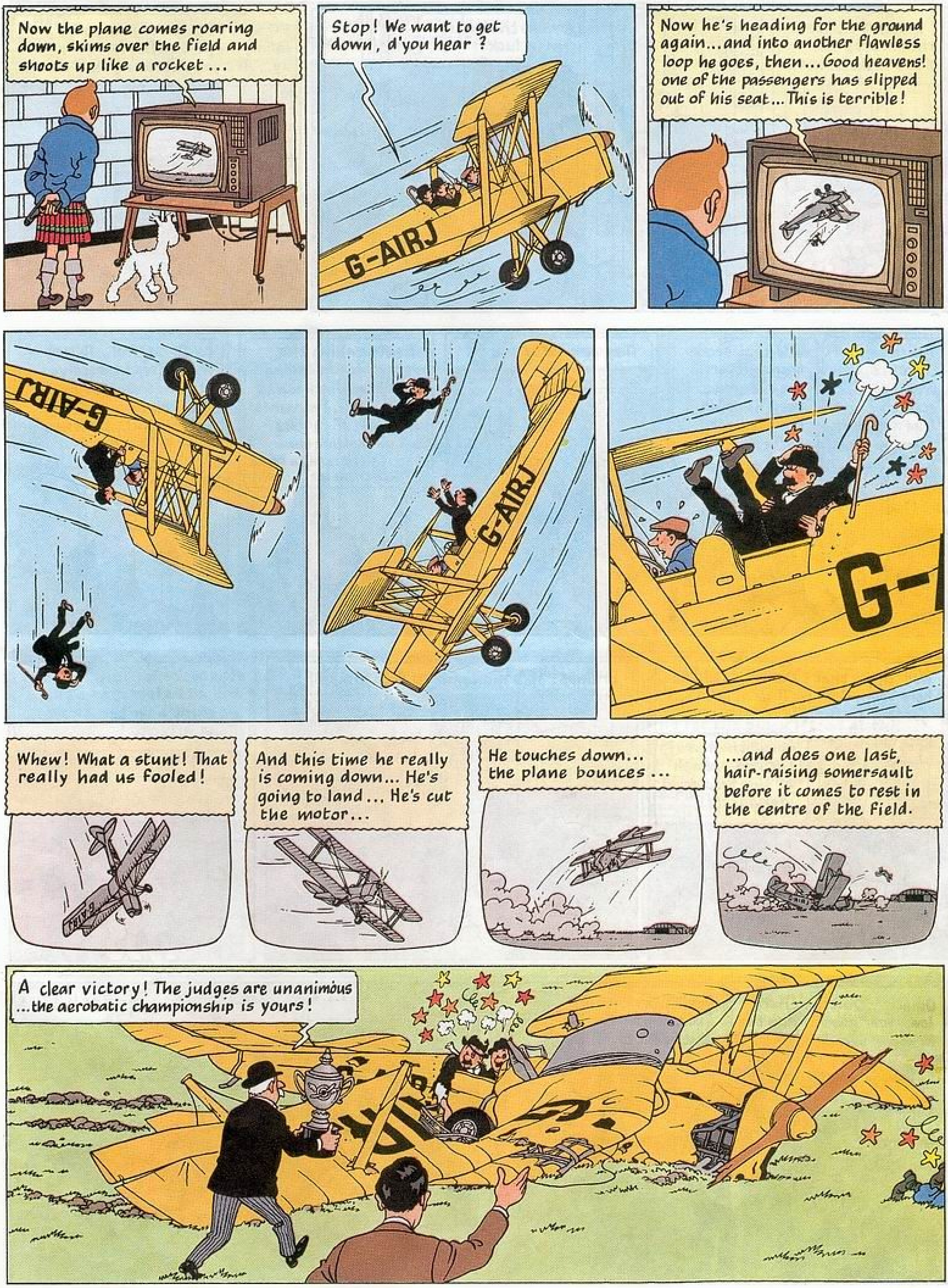
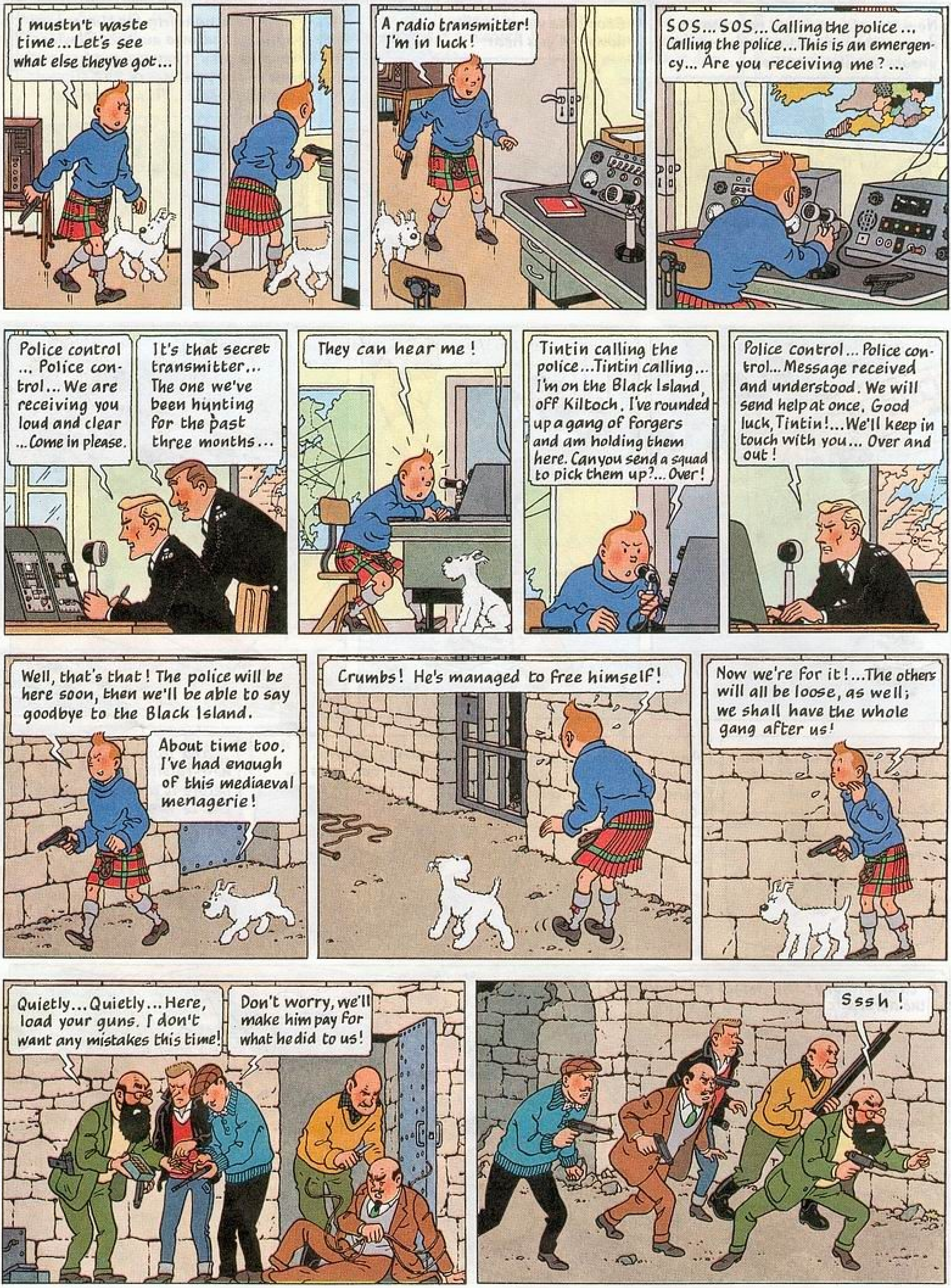
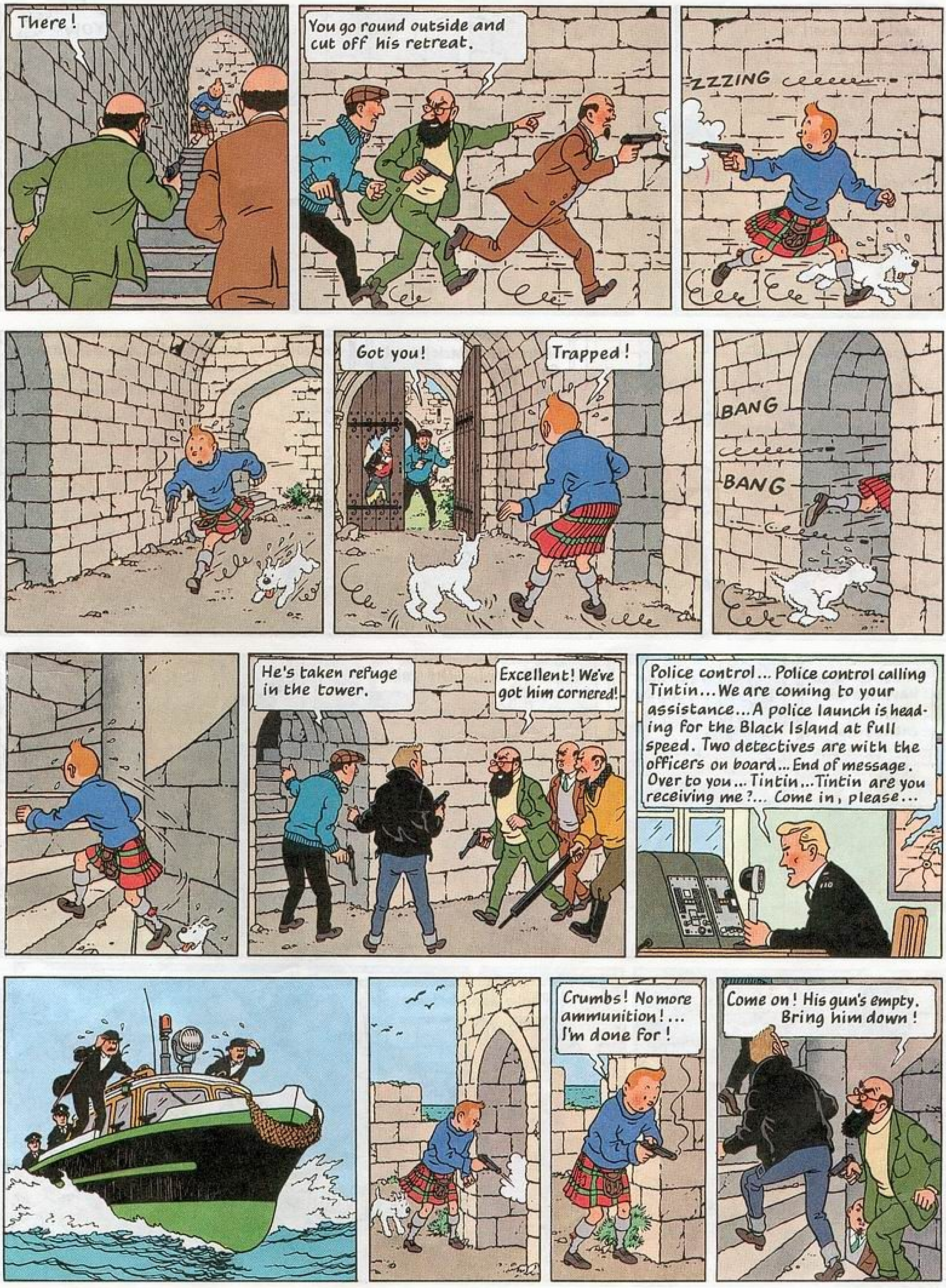
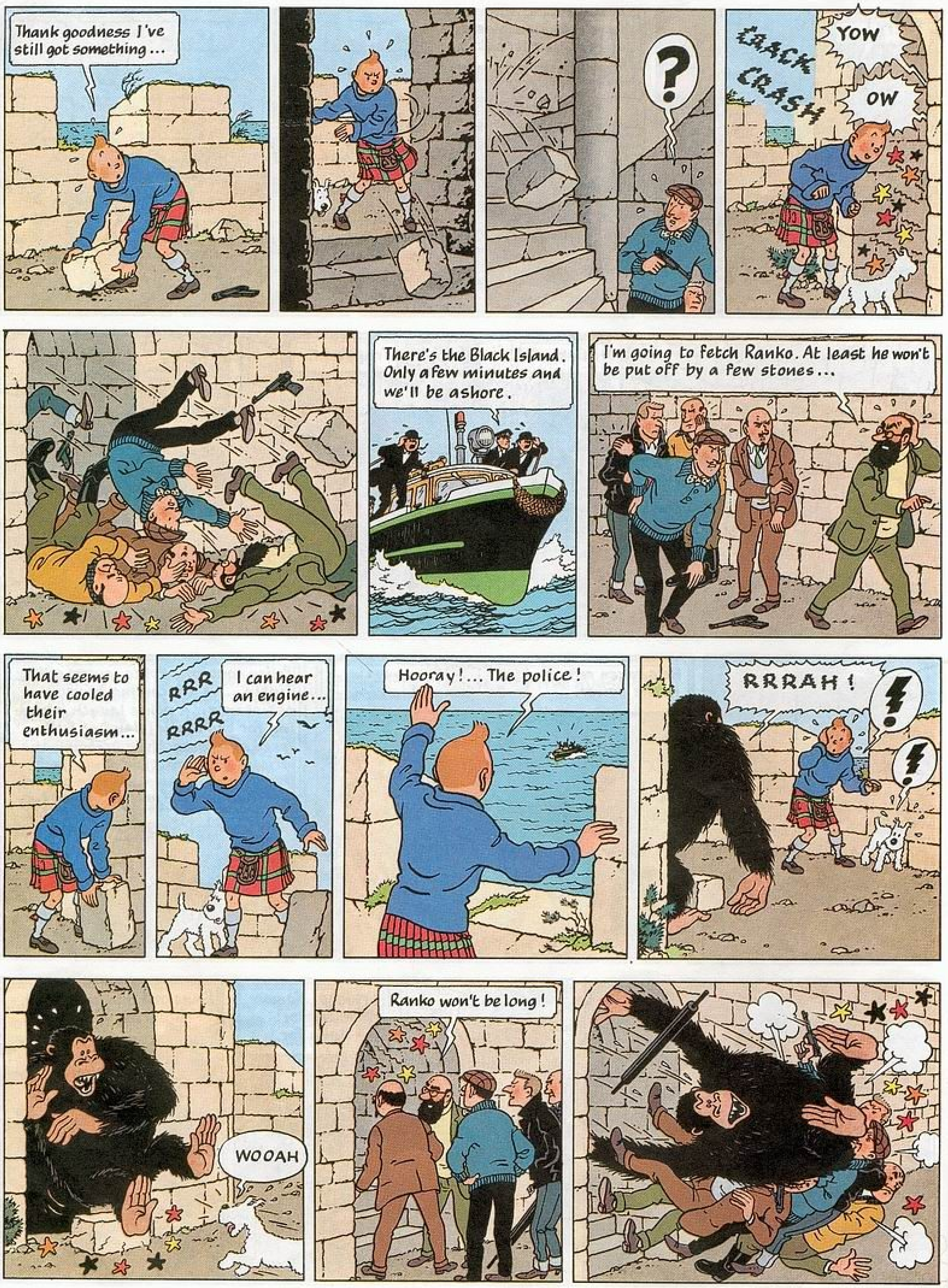

Snowy!...Snowy!... Where are you, Snowy?
Ah, there you are, lionheart! ...Come on, we've got to search the rest of this place.
Lionheart! ...Very funny!
Sh! I can hear someone talking... on the other side of that door.
He's won the first round, but let's see what happens now... He could make a mistake... This is it, he's coming towards us...
Hands up!
It's only a television set!
One final loop...
...and Johnny James, aerobatic champion, comes in to land... Just listen to the crowd cheering!
Some sort of air display.
The next item in our telerecording, high speed formation flying by a squadron from R.A.F. Fighter Command.
Let's have a look at that desk...
Good heavens! What a stroke of luck: a list of all their contacts!... Czechoslovakia, Germany, France, Holland, Austria, ...All over the place... What a catch for the police!
-3-
- Hansa Släsxeck
Sdrodjž, 45 - Praha
- Otto Steinkopf
Hedemanstrasse, 18 Potsda
- Louis Bonvault
Villa Gai-Soleil
St Germain (S. et O.)
Kees Nieuwenhuis
Zilverdijk, 73 Amsterdam
Werner Schelhammer
Wien
And here comes another competitor... Number... number... Hello, he doesn't seem to be listed on the official programme... But what does that matter?... He's really terrific! Just look at that!... He must have nerves of steel!
This is incredible... He's a genius ...pilots his plane with superb confidence... a fantastic series of aerobatics...
LAND! In the name of the law!
I... I only wish I could!


Now the plane comes roaring down, skims over the field and shoots up like a rocket ...
Stop! We want to get down, d'you hear?
G-AIRJ
Now he's heading for the ground again... and into another flawless loop he goes, then... Good heavens! one of the passengers has slipped out of his seat... This is terrible!
G-AIRJ
G-AIRJ
Whew! What a stunt! That really had us fooled!
And this time he really is coming down... He's going to land... He's cut the motor...
He touches down... the plane bounces ...
...and does one last, hair-raising somersault before it comes to rest in the centre of the field.
A clear victory! The judges are unanimous ...the aerobatic championship is yours!


I mustn't waste time... Let's see what else they've got...
A radio transmitter! I'm in luck!
SOS... SOS... Calling the police... Calling the police... This is an emergency... Are you receiving me?...
Police control... Police control... We are receiving you loud and clear ... Come in please.
It's that secret transmitter... The one we've been hunting for the past three months...
They can hear me!
Tintin calling the police... Tintin calling... I'm on the Black Island, off Kiltoch. I've rounded up a gang of forgers and am holding them here. Can you send a squad to pick them up?... Over!
Police control... Police control... Message received and understood. We will send help at once. Good luck, Tintin!... We'll keep in touch with you... Over and out!
Well, that's that! The police will be here soon, then we'll be able to say goodbye to the Black Island.
About time too. I've had enough of this mediaeval menagerie!
Crumbs! He's managed to free himself!
Now we're for it!... The others will all be loose, as well; we shall have the whole gang after us!
Quietly... Quietly... Here, load your guns. I don't want any mistakes this time!
Don't worry, we'll make him pay for what he did to us!
Sssh!


There!
You go round outside and cut off his retreat.
ZZZING
Got you!
Trapped!
BANG
BANG
He's taken refuge in the tower.
Excellent! We've got him cornered!
Police control... Police control calling Tintin... We are coming to your assistance... A police launch is heading for the Black Island at full speed. Two detectives are with the officers on board... End of message. Over to you... Tintin... Tintin are you receiving me?... Come in, please...
Crumbs! No more ammunition!... I'm done for!
Come on! His gun's empty. Bring him down!


Thank goodness I've still got something ...
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CRACK
CRASH
YOW
OW
There's the Black Island. Only a few minutes and we'll be ashore.
I'm going to fetch Ranko. At least he won't be put off by a few stones ...
That seems to have cooled their enthusiasm ...
RRR
I can hear an engine ...
RRRR
Hooray! ... The police!
RRRAH!
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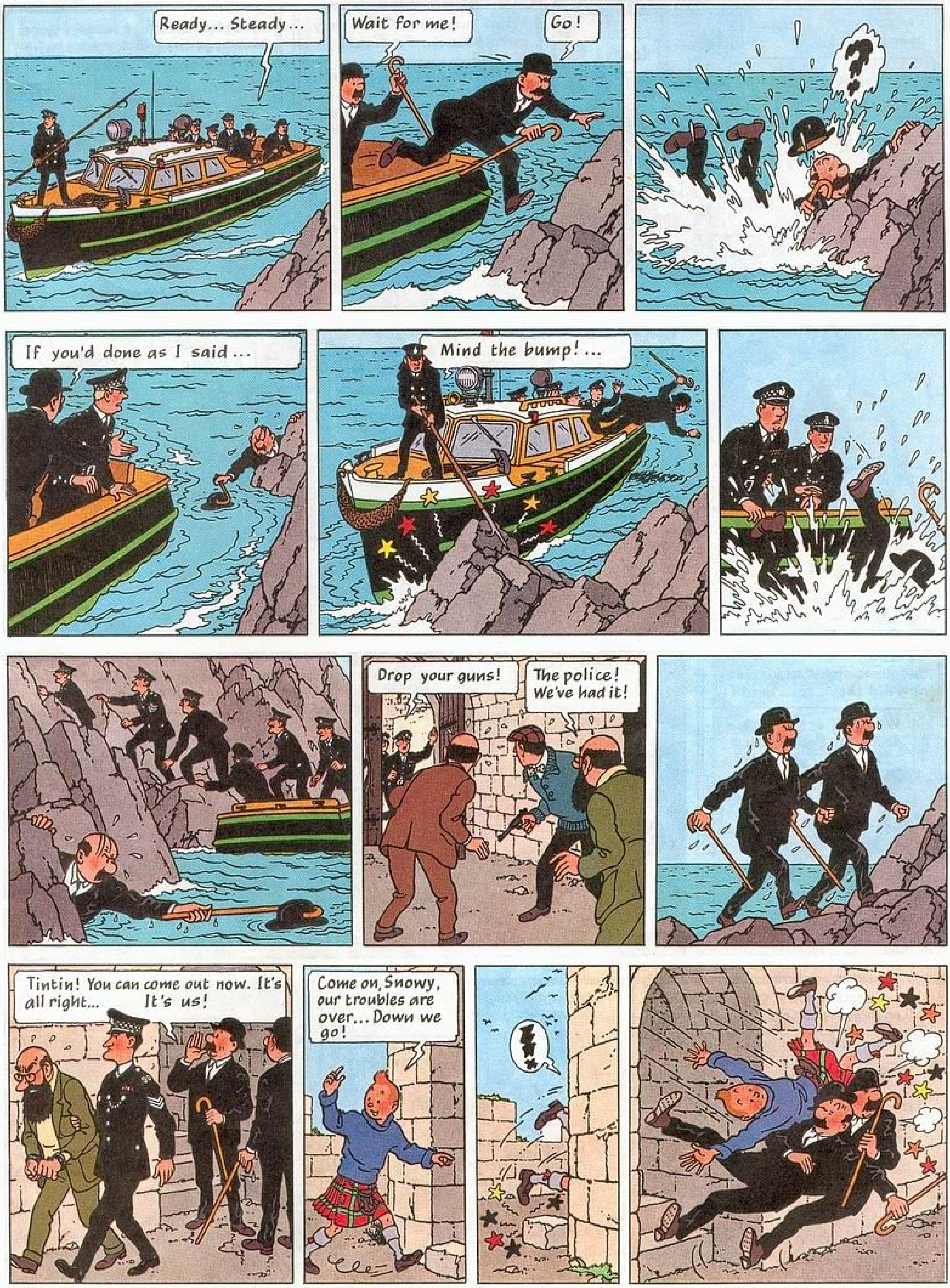
WOOAH
Ranko won't be long!


Ready... Steady...
Wait for me!
Go!
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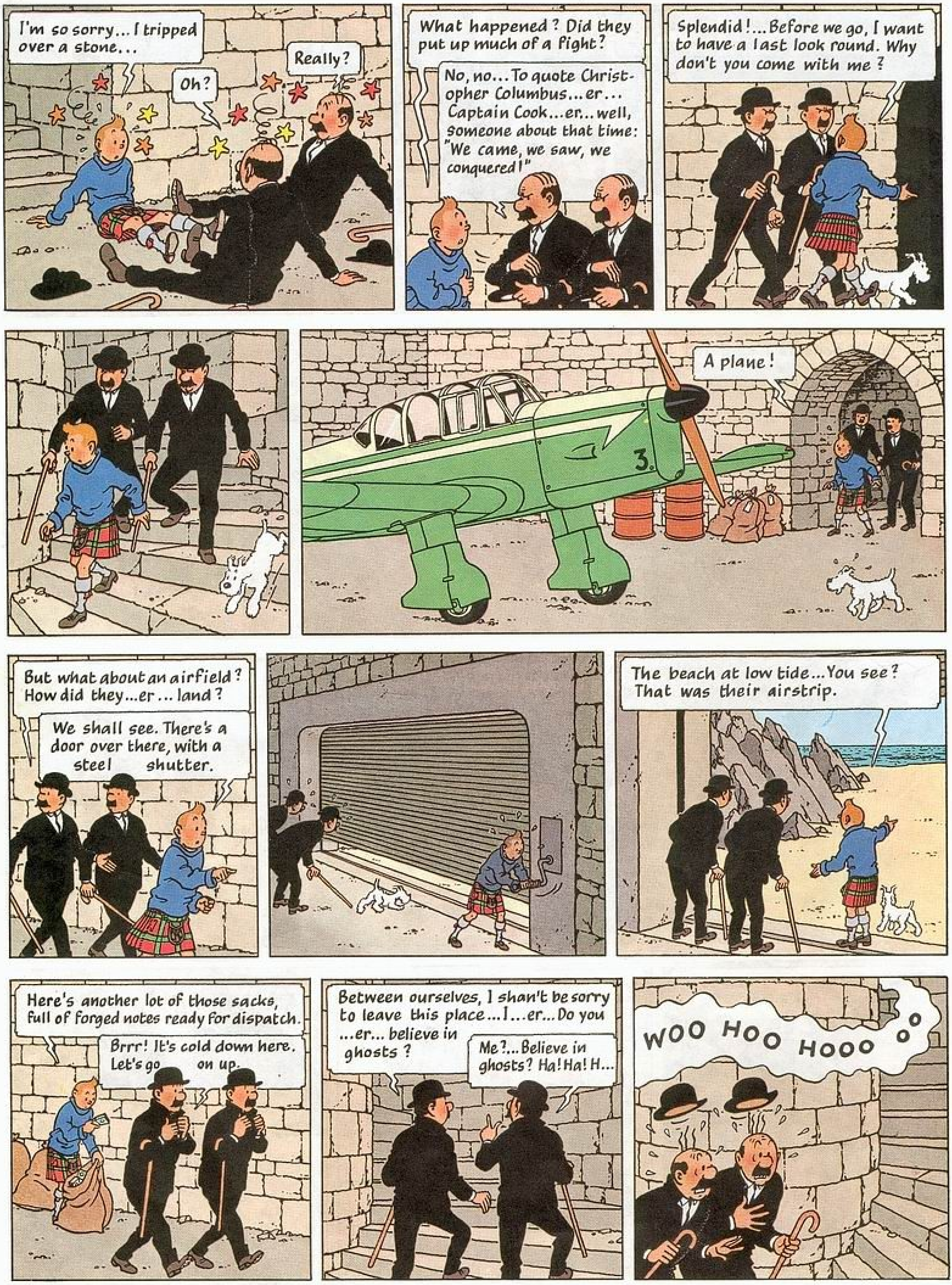
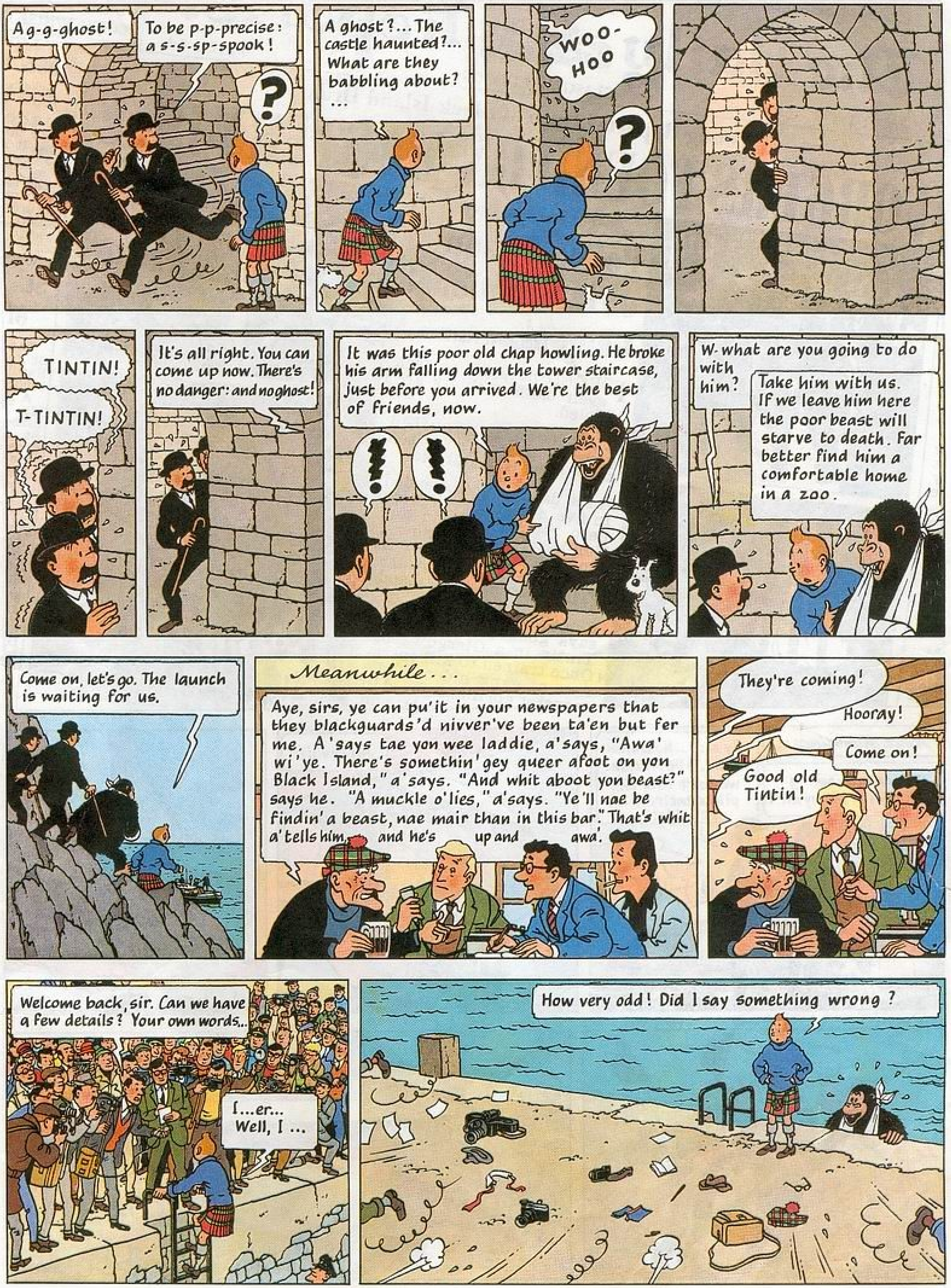
If you'd done as I said...
Mind the bump!...
Drop your guns!
The police! We've had it!
Tintin! You can come out now. It's all right... It's us!
Come on, Snowy, our troubles are over... Down we go!


I'm so sorry... I tripped over a stone...
Oh?
Really?
What happened? Did they put up much of a fight?
No, no... To quote Christopher Columbus... er... Captain Cook... er... well, someone about that time: "We came, we saw, we conquered!"
Splendid!... Before we go, I want to have a last look round. Why don't you come with me?
A plane!
3.
But what about an airfield? How did they... er... land?
We shall see. There's a door over there, with a steel shutter.
The beach at low tide... You see? That was their airstrip.
Here's another lot of those sacks, full of forged notes ready for dispatch.
Brrr! It's cold down here. Let's go on up.
Between ourselves, I shan't be sorry to leave this place... I... er... Do you ...er... believe in ghosts?
Me?... Believe in ghosts? Ha! Ha! H...
WOO HOO HOOO o o


A g-g-ghost!
To be p-p-precise: a s-s-sp-spook!
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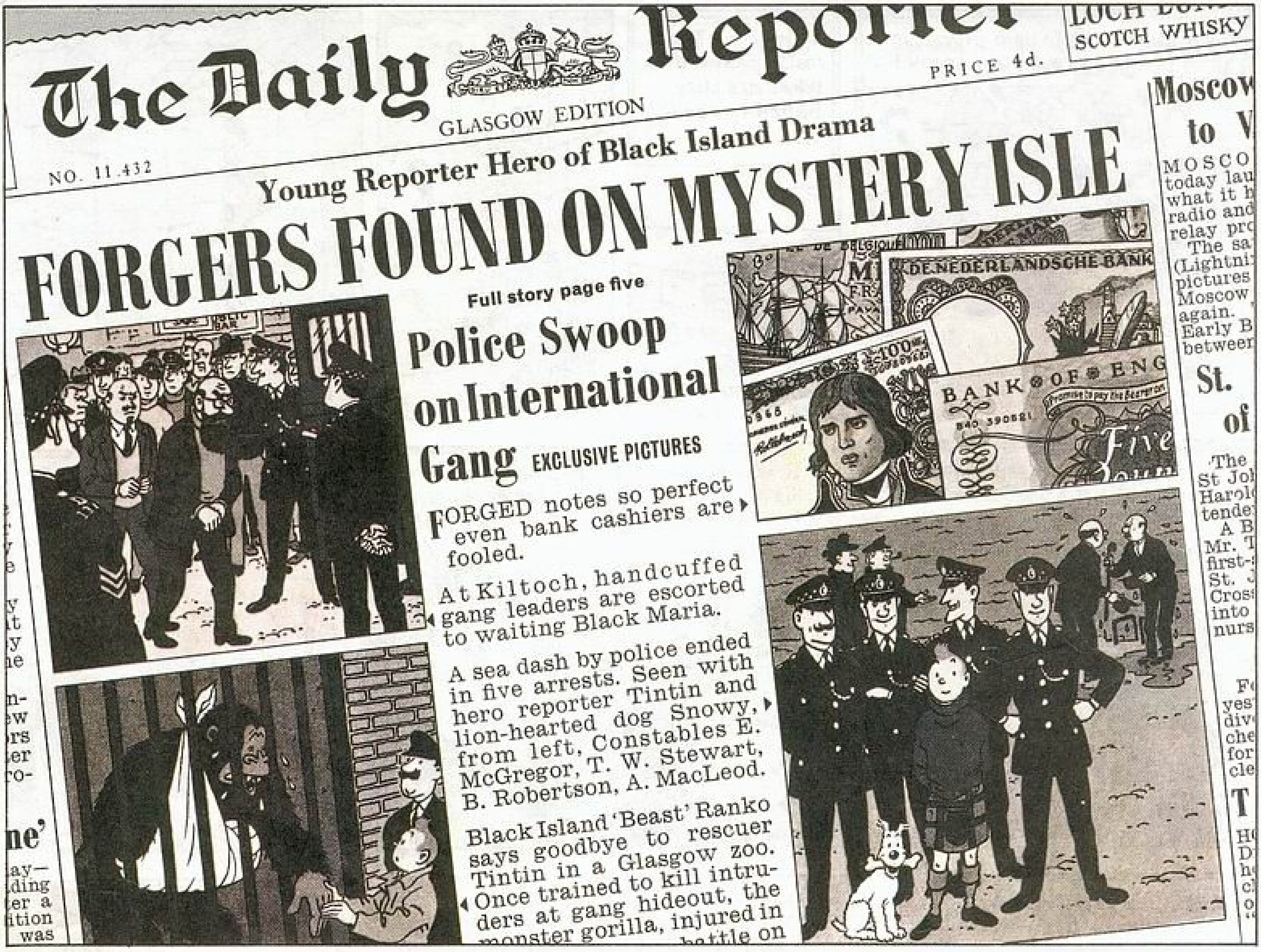
A ghost?... The castle haunted?... What are they babbling about? ...
WOO-HOO
?
TINTIN!
T-TINTIN!
It's all right. You can come up now. There's no danger: and no ghost!
It was this poor old chap howling. He broke his arm falling down the tower staircase, just before you arrived. We're the best of friends, now.
!
!
W-what are you going to do with him?
Take him with us. If we leave him here the poor beast will starve to death. Far better find him a comfortable home in a zoo.
Come on, let's go. The launch is waiting for us.
Meanwhile...
Aye, sirs, ye can pu'it in your newspapers that they blackguards'd nivver've been ta'en but fer me. A'says tae yon wee laddie, a'says, "Awa' wi'ye. There's somethin' gey queer afoot on yon Black Island," a'says. "And whit aboot yon beast?" says he. "A muckle o'lies," a'says. "Ye'll nae be findin' a beast, nae mair than in this bar." That's whit a'tells him, and he's up and awa'.
They're coming!
Hooray!
Come on!
Good old Tintin!
Welcome back, sir. Can we have a few details? Your own words...
I...er... Well, I ...
How very odd! Did I say something wrong?



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## Police Swoop on International Gang

EXCLUSIVE PICTURES

FORGED notes so perfect even bank cashiers are ▸ fooled.

At Kiltoch, handcuffed ◂ gang leaders are escorted to waiting Black Maria.

A sea dash by police ended in five arrests. Seen with hero reporter Tintin and lion-hearted dog Snowy, ▸ from left, Constables E. McGregor, T. W. Stewart, B. Robertson, A. MacLeod.

Black Island 'Beast' Ranko says goodbye to rescuer Tintin in a Glasgow zoo. ◂ Once trained to kill intruders at gang hideout, the monster gorilla, injured in

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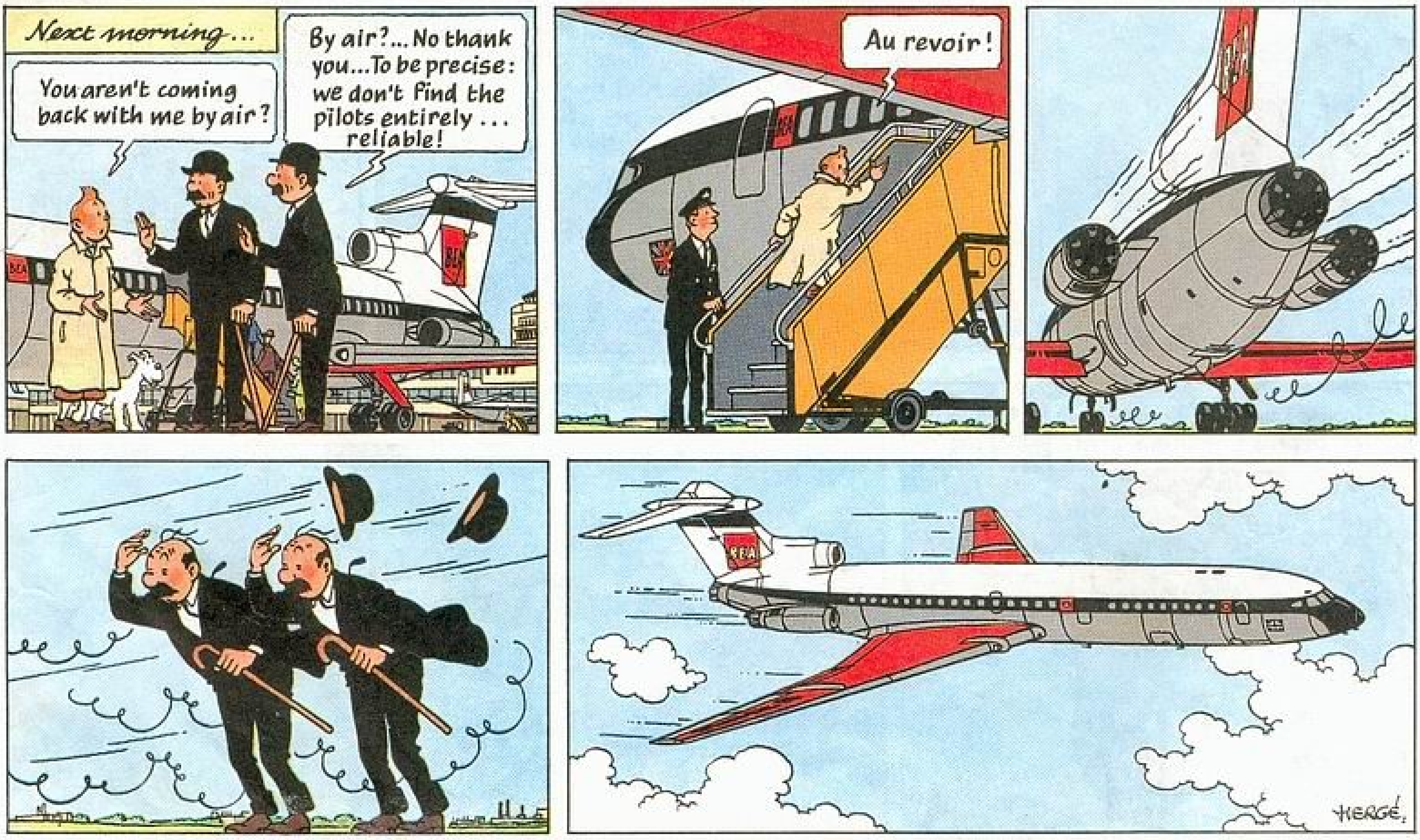

Next morning...
You aren't coming back with me by air?
By air?... No thank you... To be precise: we don't find the pilots entirely... reliable!
Au revoir!
BEA
HERGÉ